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all-girls school,
is committed to
a tradition of
academic excellence.
We educate, encourage
and empower our girls and
young women to achieve
their personal best.



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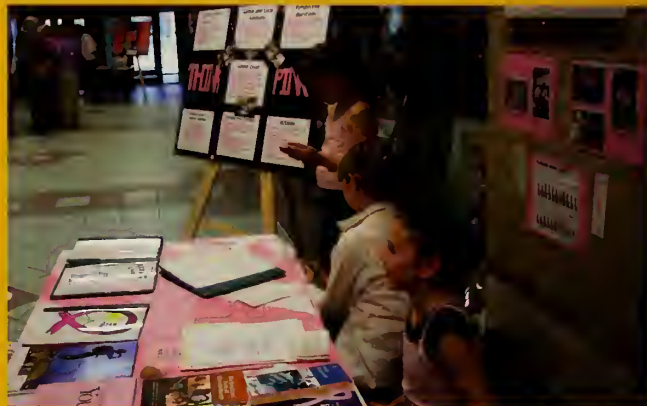
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Primary Years Program (PYP)

The Primary Years Programme (PYP), focuses on the development of the whole child, in the classroom but also in the world outside, through other environments where children learn. It offers a framework that meets children's several needs: academic, social, physical, emotional and cultural.

The Programme is a comprehensive approach to teaching and learning:

- an international curriculum model that provides guidelines for what students learn
- a teaching methodology, which includes a profile of the PYP student
 1. inquirers
 2. thinkers
 3. communicators
 4. risk takers
 5. knowledgeable
 6. principled
 7. caring
 8. open-minded
 9. well balanced
 10. reflective
- assessment strategies



At the heart of the PYP is a commitment to structured inquiry as a vehicle for learning.

Thinking Globally, Acting Locally

On June 2, I along with my Grade 5 classmates participated in our first PYP Exhibition where we displayed our research projects to our parents, school and community. We chose a global issue and we did a unit of inquiry on it. Our motto was Thinking Globally, Acting Locally.

We researched our issue, discovered what the problem was globally, formed an opinion and created a local action to show how we can help. We did research through people, books the Internet and going out into our community to interview experts on our issue. It was sometimes hard because we found if you looked at the issue from different perspectives, you really had to think about your own perspective and how it impacts us locally and globally.

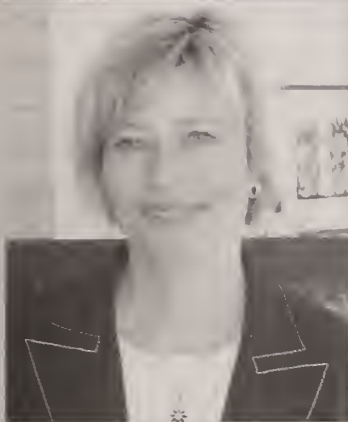
We discovered that educating people was the best way to help and we really wanted to think of interesting ways: game shows, songs, web pages, pamphlets and surveys were only some of the actions we chose. We also learned about metacognition—which means to think about how you think. We did think about thinking and how we learn—some people like to see things, others like to hear about information and still others like to write about what they are learning. We did discover that everyone has their own way and that is what makes us special.

It has been written, that there are four kinds of people in this world:

Those who wonder what happened
Those who want things to happen
Those who watch things happen and
Those who make things happen

Our central idea of this unit of inquiry was "Knowledge of issues today help mold the minds of tomorrow". After finishing this project, I learned I can make a difference and I want to be a person that makes things happen. I know that by telling others about a problem helps to solve the problem. Ideas come from others because different people look at things different ways. Kids can make changes and that is something that I will remember for a long time.

Head of School Message



This edition of The Portal allows me to reflect on the year just past, and share with you some of our future activities. The 2003–2004 BH year offered us many opportunities to demonstrate the enthusiasm and drive that characterizes members of the BH Family. Among the many highlights was our continuing support of the Girls for the Cure Walk/Run in support of breast cancer research, hosting noted psychologist Dr. JoAnn Deak during a series of parent and teacher workshops and honouring Linda Cook, CEO of Shell Canada at the 2004 Yes She Can Award Dinner.

While many of these activities provide recognition of BH success outside our walls, I am also very proud of the achievements of our students. Please review the list on Pages 2 and 3 of awards presented during Closing Exercises. In the very near future, we will also be sharing additional student achievements in areas including Math Contests, Heritage Fairs and Science Fairs.

2003–2004 also marks the completion of my first 5 years as Head of School. When I joined BH in the fall of 1999, one of the first tasks was to implement the 1999–2004 BH Strategic Plan, which put an emphasis on achieving the personal best for all students. I want to share with you an example of how we have met the challenge of this objective.

The BH Advanced Placement (AP) program offers our students the opportunity to receive credit for completing first year University-level course work while still in Senior School.

Over the past couple of years, we have made great strides in improving our performance in the AP exams. For example, the first year BH students participated in the Math AP exams, no one achieved the highest standard for University placement. In 2004, 90% of the participating students achieved the highest standard. We have had similar successes in Biology and Physics. We are continuing to increase the number of students who successfully complete AP courses at BH. As proud as we are of the academic rigour signified by these achievements, it is an even bigger accomplishment when we recognize it has been achieved by providing a nurturing, caring environment for our students, and a welcoming atmosphere for the extended BH Family.

Over the past 5 years, we have built a strong foundation at BH with our success in aligning our International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program (IBPYP), Pre-Advanced Placement and Advanced Placement programs around three strategies—critical thinking, academic rigor and successful learning strategies. We are now poised to take the next step in meeting our school-wide commitment to being the premiere independent school for girls in Canada. For the past several months, a committee of parents, students and staff has been hard at work on the Balmoral Hall School 2004–2009 Strategic Plan, called “Building the Future, Today”. While further details will be forthcoming, the Plan will introduce the concept of planned growth. Briefly, planned growth means achieving the finest education possible for our students through an ongoing commitment to the highest standards

for the academic program, broadening access for qualified students, expansion of technology integration into the curriculum and investing in the appropriate infrastructure to support BH activities. In support of planned growth, we are focused on building a strong Annual Fund. This soon-to-be launched campaign will raise funds to enhance various areas of school life and will have an immediate impact on students’ education.

It is no secret that providing the best facilities and opportunities for our students requires financial support from the entire BH Family. As you read The Portal, you will note that we have been extremely fortunate to receive incredible support from students, parents and alumnae donors. From the establishment of new Named Funds, to major donations to our laptop initiative, to our newest alumnae (class of 2003 and 2004) starting their own Class Funds, we have received support not only for the day-to-day workings of the School, but also to provide a margin of excellence beyond the budget.

I continue to be inspired by the many ways our staff, students and community have embraced **“Believe, Achieve, Succeed—Yes We Can”**. Over the past year, we have used these words, and the actions they support, as a way to share our energy, confidence and commitment to achieving a high standard of academic rigour in a nurturing, caring environment. In closing, I would like to share with you what these phrases mean to us:

We Believe...In ourselves and our abilities to achieve great things

We Achieve...By challenging the status quo

We Succeed...Because we have the confidence to be risk-takers

Honour Roll

MIDDLE & SENIOR SCHOOL HEAD'S HONOUR ROLL—

(Overall average of 90% and above)

GRADE 6

Emily Campbell
Christine Harms
Hannah Johnson
Allison Love
Eileen Newman
Toria Rankin-Friesen
Mini Saxena
Rebecca Sherbo
Madison Stewart
Erika Ulrich
Kelsey Watchman
Stephanie Webster

GRADE 7

Léa Anderson-Gregoire
Valerie Beynon
Vanessa Comeau
Ashley Fredette
Talia Glodjo
Talia Joundi
Meghan Malcolm
Kenyon
Erica Siddall
Seema Rao
Angela Reimer

GRADE 8

Jenna Brown
Min Kyung Choi
Rachel Cosman
Nora Fien
Teresa Kennedy
Krupa Kotecha
Jessica Michalski
Karlen Prendiville
Robyn Zajac

SENIOR 1

Emilie Anderson-Gregoire
Natasha Gusta
Robin Jacuzzi
Kate Langrell
Taylor Maavara
Kathryn Marcynuk
Katie Moore
Claudia Müller-Moran
Sarah Rybczuk
Madeline Stefanik

SENIOR 2

Sameera Abdulrehman
Kiran Dhillon
Jennifer Ethans
Mylène Gamache
Danielle Guenette
Christine Siddall

SENIOR 3

Navdeep Bhullar
Wing Yu (KoKo) Cheung
Ji Yun Lee

SENIOR 4

Kyla Caners
Jennifer Dyck-Sprout
Meghan Fitzpatrick
Jia Gu
Diana King
Lisa Koss

Ashley McGregor
Brenna McGregor
Stephanie McGregor
Sarah Murdoch

MIDDLE & SENIOR SCHOOL HONOUR ROLL—

(Overall average of 80% and above)

GRADE 6

Malak Abas
Sydney Bicknell
Celina Brown
Paige Danowski
Charlie Gray
Christine Guyot
Alexandra Martin
Megan Martins Da Ponte
Jaunty Morden
Krystal Nguyen Hua
Jacklyn Prendiville
Hannah Stinson
Shelby Szarko
Victoria Taylor
Julie Yan
Soo Yeon Kim

GRADE 7

Christie Branton
Chelsea Chimilar
Julie Clark
Maria del Mar Trejo
Cristina Fernandez Cortina
Jessica Goldberg
Michelle McFadden
Ericka Rankin-Friesen
Sarah Scott

GRADE 8

Saira Abdulrehman
Megan Alexander
Marfisia Bel
Callie Blank
Grace Boyd
Alexandra Campbell
Sharon Clarkson
Kelsey Connor
Erin Danylchuk
Cathy Guyot
Jamie Holt
Erika Kasper
Kali Kazina
Kaitlyn King
Hannah Korsunsky
Stephanie Lawson
Nadine Lowes
Macy Morden
Shawna Olson
Mila Panaskevich
Holly Penman
Torrie Robertson
Victoria Schaeffer
Erica Scharfstein
Alanna Singer
Jillian Smith
Shanleigh Thomson
Michaela Vickar
Olivia Zaporzan
Natasha Zloty

SENIOR 1 (GRADE 9)

Shannon Bahaud
Carolyn Bright

Katie Christie
Erin Cornelius
Sonja Fedikow
Lauren Henderson
K.K. Ho
Chelsea Jordan
Chelsea Joyce
Grace Kennedy
Julie Klein
Laura Murdoch
Jill Penman
Sophie Remillard
Brittany Siemens
Kelcey Vossen
Leah Werier

SENIOR 2 (GRADE 10)

Jamie DesJarlais
Brittany Dolynchuk
Lisa Gregory
Sarry Klein
Alexis Kozak
Poonam Mahay
Michelle Maryk
Tatiana Murray
Melanie Riggs
Heather Sandhu
Catherine Simons

SENIOR 3 (GRADE 11)

Shawali Brar
Kaitlin Briggs
Brittany Cawson
Adalena Franford
Jessyca Georgison
Simmie Globberman
Uta Hoogstraten
Vanessa Mancini
Ji Xin (Maggie) Mak
Christine Nolting
Alejandra Quinones
Villalpando
Whitney Ramage
Jaime Rosin
Hayly Smerchanski
Lauren Stone
Lyndsey Wallis
Cheryl Woodward

SENIOR 4 (GRADE 12)

Marta Alphonso
Marisa Campanelli
Jung Eun (Claire) Han
Leena Hasan
Vanessa Heron
Baillie Klein
Jessica Lee
Miran Marcus
Samantha Maryk
Emily Masson
Megan McFadden
Xiao Meng Ye
Jade Ngai
Allison Pigden
Katie Reynolds
Maria Schultz
Eriko Seko
Vanessa Shipley
Tiffany Sobczak
Nessa Werier
Kristine Wilson
Chloe Wolstencroft
Leah Wong
Sisi Wu

Academic Awards

MIDDLE SCHOOL ACADEMIC AWARDS

HEAD OF SCHOOL AWARD—awarded to the student who receives the highest average in each grade

GRADE 6

Rebecca Sherbo

GRADE 7

Erica Siddall

GRADE 8

Nora Fien

GRADE 6 AWARDS

Rebecca Sherbo
ENGLISH

Stephanie Webster

FRENCH
SOCIAL STUDIES

JULIA M. ADAMSON
MEMORIAL
FOUNDATION AWARD

Mini Saxena
MATHEMATICS

Madison Stewart
PERFORMING ARTS

Kelsey Watchman
PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Allison Love
SCIENCE

Erika Ulrich
VISUAL ARTS

GRADE 7 AWARDS

Angela Reimer
ENGLISH
SOCIAL STUDIES

Jessica Goldberg
FRENCH

Erica Siddall
FRENCH (ADVANCED)
PHYSICAL EDUCATION
SCIENCE

Sola Han
MATHEMATICS

Talia Joundi
PERFORMING ARTS

Vanessa Comeau
VISUAL ARTS
JESSIE MAY CARTER
RIVERBEND AWARD
awarded to a Middle School student for outstanding progress in the French language

GRADE 8 AWARDS

Nora Fien
ENGLISH
FRENCH (ADVANCED)
MATHEMATICS
SCIENCE
SOCIAL STUDIES
JAS. A. DDWLER AWARD
awarded to a student in Grade 6 to 8 for overall excellence in Mathematics

Shanleigh Thomson
FRENCH

Jenna Brown
MATHEMATICS

Jillian Smith
PERFORMING ARTS

Robyn Zajac
PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Cathy Guyot
VISUAL ARTS

Shelby Szarko
PARENT ASSOCIATION
ATHLETICS
SCHOLARSHIP

Nadine Lowes
PARENT ASSOCIATION
FINE ARTS
SCHOLARSHIP

Megan Martins Da Ponte
PARENT ASSOCIATION
DEBATING SCHOLARSHIP

SENIOR SCHOOL ACADEMIC AWARDS

HEAD OF SCHOOL AWARD—awarded to the student who receives the highest average in each grade

SENIOR 1 (Grade 9)
Kathryn Marcynuk

SENIOR 2 (Grade 10)
Christine Siddall

SENIOR 3 (Grade 11)
Ji Yun Lee

SENIOR 4 (Grade 12)
Kyla Caners

SENIOR 1 AWARDS

Kathryn Marcynuk
CAD
DEBATING
ENGLISH
FRENCH
MATHEMATICS (ADVANCED)
SCIENCE (S1)
SCIENCE (S2)

SOCIAL STUDIES
TECH TV

UK ALUMNAE PRIZE FOR HISTORY
awarded to a student who receives the highest standing in Senior 1 History

G. HAROLD AIKINS
SCHOLARSHIP
awarded to a returning student who has contributed the most to the Science & Technology Program

UNITED NATIONS
ASSOCIATION PUBLIC
SPEAKING
PARTICIPATION
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
LEARNING

Mercedes Landa
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
LEARNING

Claudia Muller-Moran
FRENCH LITERATURE

Madeline Stefanik
FUTURES IN BUSINESS & TECHNOLOGY

JULIA M. ADAMSON
MEMORIAL
FOUNDATION AWARD
presented to a Senior 1 student for the best history project

Taylor Maavara
MATHEMATICS

Robin Jacuzzi
PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Emilie Anderson-Gregoire
SPANISH
DRAMATIC ARTS (S1-S3)

Jina Song
STUDIO ART

SENIOR 2 AWARDS

Eo-Jin (Jinny) Hwang
BIOLOGY
CHEMISTRY
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
LEARNING
GEOGRAPHY
MATHEMATICS—PRE-CALCULUS ADVANCED

Danielle Guenette
BIDLDGY AP
FRENCH

Kiran Dhillon
CHEMISTRY AP

Michelle Maryk
CONSUMER MATH

Christine Siddall
ENGLISH
MULTI-MEDIA
PHYSICAL EDUCATION
SPANISH

ELIZA DREWRY AWARD
presented to a returning
Senior 2 student who
achieves the highest
standing

Sameera Abdulrehman
ENGLISH (ADVANCED)

Jennifer Ethans
MATHEMATICS –PRE-
CALCULUS

Ayaka Kosaka
MATHEMATICS –PRE-
CALCULUS

NDRA LANSKY
MEMORIAL AWARD
*awarded to any student for
above average progress in
mastering English as a
Second Language*

Myène Gamache
STUDIO ART

A.J. CASSDN AWARD
FOR ART
*awarded to a student who
achieves the highest
academic standing in Art*

SENIOR 3 AWARDS

Wing Yu Cheung
BIOLOGY
CHEMISTRY

Ji Yun Lee
CANADIAN HISTORY
CHEMISTRY AP
ENGLISH
MATHEMATICS–PRE-
CALCULUS (ADVANCED)
PHYSICS (AP)
STUDIO ART

JULIA M. ADAMSON
CANADIAN
HISTORY AWARD
*awarded to a Senior 3
student who receives the
highest standing in
Canadian History*

JULIA M. ADAMSON
MEMORIAL
FOUNDATION AWARD
*presented to a Senior 3
student for the best history
essay*

Hwa-won (Lin) Jeong
CANADIAN HISTORY
ESL
MATHEMATICS–PRE-
CALCULUS
MULTI-MEDIA
PARENT ASSOCIATION
FINE ARTS
SCHOLARSHIP

Hayley Mitchell
CONSUMER
MATHEMATICS

Jaime Rosin
ENGLISH–LANGUAGE &
COMPOSITION
WORLD ISSUES

Alejandra Quinones
Villalpando
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
LEARNING

Navdeep Bhullar
FRENCH

DSSAMA ABOUZEID
SCHOLARSHIP
*awarded to a returning
student for excellence in
Mathematics and Science*

Brittany Cawson
LEADERSHIP

Kaitlin Briggs
LEADERSHIP

Ji Xin (Maggie) Mak
PHYSICS

Vanessa Mancini
SPANISH
DRAMATIC ARTS
(SENIOR 1–SENIOR 3)

Cheryl Woodward
PARENT ASSOCIATION
ATHLETICS
SCHOLARSHIP

STEVEN B. FEJES
VOLUNTEER OF THE
YEAR AWARD
*awarded to an outstanding
student from Grade 6 to
Senior 4 who has
demonstrated exemplary
volunteer commitment*

THE UNITED WAY
AWARD

Sze Ki (Kimi) Wong
G. MURRELL-WRIGHT
RESIDENCE AWARD
*awarded to a returning
resident student who has
contributed significantly to
life in the Residence*

Melanie Riggs
ROSEMARY GORDON
CONDD LIBRARY
AWARD
*awarded to a student who
has given valuable
assistance to the School
Library during the year*

SENIOR 4 AWARDS

Marta Alphonso
Spanish AP

Marisa Campanelli
Friesens Yearbook
Certificate of Merit
M. COLE DAVIS
DEPARTMENT AWARD
*given to a student who
reveals a high degree of
responsibility and
dependability in several
areas of school life.*

Kyla Caners
Choral Music (S1–S4)
Debating (S2–S4)
Musical Theatre (S1–S4)
Biology
Chemistry AP
English–Comprehensive
Focus
Calculus AP
English AP

Robert M. Shaw
Memorial Award
*represents the person in
the BH Senior Choir who
demonstrates not only
strong musicianship, but
also strong positive
leadership within the group*

Parent Association
Debating Scholarship
University of Toronto
Book Award
Friesens Yearbook
Certificate of Merit
Canada Millennium
Scholarship–Certificate
of Excellence

HEAD OF SCHOOL
AWARD
*awarded to a student who
receives the highest
average in Senior 4*

GOVERNOR GENERAL'S
MEDAL
*is a Bronze Medal
presented on behalf of the
Governor-General, to the
student who graduates with
the highest academic
standing—a mark of
academic excellence.*

Jennifer Dyck-Sprout
Physics AP
Spanish
Friesens Yearbook
Certificate of Merit

JACQUELINE
ANDERSON AWARD
*for outstanding
sportsmanship and
leadership in sports*

BARBARA HDNEY
SCHOLARSHIP
*awarded to a student
of exemplary character,
with high academic
standing, who shows
qualities of commitment
and dedication to the full
life of Balmoral Hall*

Meghan Fitzpatrick
Human Geography
Manitoba Association of
Teachers of French
Certificate

Leena Hasan
Yearbook
Friesens Yearbook
Certificate of Special
Merit *in recognition of
Outstanding Contributions
to the Balmoral Hall
Yearbook and in preserving
valuable memories that will
last a lifetime in print.*

Nerissa Heron
Manitoba Association of
Teachers of French
Certificate

Vanessa Heron
ROSEMARY GORDON
CONDD MEMORIAL
AWARD
*presented to a student who
is recognized for her
qualities of kindness and
consideration for others*

Diana King
Canadian Merit
Scholarship–Financial
Group Regional Award
Winner

UNIVERSITY OF
MANITOBA CHDWN
CENTENNIAL AWARD
*awarded to a student with a
minimum average of 85% of
at least 5 credits at the
third level and who
registers at the University
of Manitoba for a full study
program in the 1st year of a
degree course in
September.*

Baillie Klein
MUSICAL THEATRE

Lisa Koss
Canadian Merit
Scholarship–Garfield
Weston Foundation
Provincial Award
Winner
Friesens Yearbook
Certificate of Merit

ROSEMARY GORDON
CONDD MEMORIAL
AWARD
*presented to a student who
is recognized for her
qualities of kindness and
consideration for others*

Amy Ludwig
Manitoba Association of
Teachers of French
Certificate

Samantha Maryk
Manitoba Association of
Teachers of French
Certificate

Megan McFadden
Manitoba Association of
Teachers of French
Certificate

Ashley McGregor
Chemistry
JAS. A. DOWLER
AWARD
*awarded to a student
(S1–S4) for overall
excellence in Mathematics*

Brenna McGregor
English AP
French

CLARE MCCULLOCH
MEMORIAL AWARD
FOR FRENCH

Manitoba Association
of Teachers of French
Certificate

Stephanie McGregor
Consumer Math
Studio Art

CLARE MCCULLOCH
AWARD FOR
CREATIVE ART *awarded
to a student who displays
creative artistic abilities for
any school project*

Sarah Murdoch
Debating (S2–S4)
Psychology AP
Canadian Merit
Scholarship–Region
Award Winner
Manitoba Association of
Teachers of French
Certificate

PACIFIC AWARD
*presented to a senior high
student who has shown
potential as a leader
and a scholar*

JESSIE MAY CARTER
RIVERBEND AWARD
*for outstanding progress in
the French language*

THE UNITED NATIONS
PUBLIC SPEAKING
AWARD.

Jade Ngai
Mathematics–
Pre-Calculus

Allison Pigden
MUSICAL THEATRE
VOCAL JAZZ
Parent Association
Performing Arts
Scholarship
Friesens Yearbook
Certificate of Merit

Katie Reynolds
Manitoba Association of
Teachers of French
Certificate

Maria Schultz
Biology AP

Dany Theberge
Canadian Merit
Scholarship–Semi-
Finalist Certificate
Award Winner
(certificate)
Manitoba Association of
Teachers of French
Certificate

Kristine Wilson
English–Literary Focus

ELIZABETH PATTON
MEMORIAL SHIELD
*presented to a student who
demonstrates qualities of
leadership, dependability,
friendliness and courtesy,
and is a conscientious
worker, taking part in
games and rendering
service to the School in all
its activities*

N. THOMAS RUSSELL
AWARD
*awarded for leadership
by example*
Manitoba Association of
Teachers of French
Certificate

Sisi Wu
Calculus–Introduction

Xiao Meng (Kitty) Ye
Physics



Youth in Philanthropy

Sarah Murdoch '04, BH YiP Chair

2003–2004 marked Balmoral Hall's fifth year being involved in Youth in Philanthropy (YiP). YiP is a program run in several schools across Winnipeg and Manitoba, involving over 300 students. An incredibly rewarding and worthwhile experience, YiP is about learning the principles and processes of philanthropy and having the opportunity to apply them around the city. Committees work together from September to May to establish criteria and values for charitable organizations that they would like to grant money to. Committees then research and visit these organizations.

This year's BH committee consisted of thirty students under teacher advisor Mrs. Shyka. The girls divided into three sub-committees, Inner City & Poverty, Health, and Education. They visited twenty different organizations related to these categories; including Main Street Project, Youth Employment Services, Grace Hospice, and Alpha House, to name a few. And of course, after much discussion and debate, the funds provided by the Winnipeg Foundation were granted to the organizations that the group as a whole selected.

Highlights of the year included a conference in October when we had the opportunity to meet other students involved, an evening at Government House, and a celebration event in May for the students and grant recipients. Everyone involved enjoyed learning more about the needs present in Winnipeg, the multiplicity of organizations that address them, and what they can do to support them.

This past spring I had the incredible opportunity to attend the Community Foundations of Canada National Conference in Quebec City as part of the Youth in Philanthropy Inter-School Committee. Fifteen other high school students and I went to the conference and had a great experience learning about other community foundations in Canada and meeting hundreds of adults and youth engaged in the philanthropy "movement." It took place from May 14–16, 2004 and involved sessions that highlighted such things as the significance of sharing about your community, how to go about obtaining endowments, committee structure, and where Canada and its community foundations are headed. I had a great time while at the sessions, touring around old Quebec City and of course, communicating eloquently en français. It was a fantastic, engaging and inspiring event!



The 2004 Balmoral Hall School Youth in Philanthropy Committee

Girls for the Cure Walk/Run

Now in its 4th year, this annual event is intended to heighten awareness among girls and young women about breast cancer and raise funds for research, treatment and patient care in Manitoba. This year's Girls for the Cure Walk/Run is on October 7, 2004—Kick off in the Richardson Hall Athletic Centre at 1:15 pm. **Alumnae and Parents are welcome to join in the fun!** Come out and support a great cause! For more information call Heather Welch, Student & Residence Activities Coordinator at 204.784.1655

On October 6, 2004 at Balmoral Hall School, the Guardian Angel Youth Awareness Forum has arranged for 3 guest speakers to address students on the issue of smoking and the benefits of a healthy lifestyle. The speakers are:

- Cathy Scott, Winnipeg fitness expert and breast cancer survivor to discuss the importance of staying fit.
- Venessa Schreyer '93, Owner of Designer Nutritional Services, to share teenager friendly healthy eating recommendations.
- Glenda Standeuam, with the living smoke free message "stop what you can prevent"



Little Girls, Huge Hearts



Minister of Labour, Claudette Bradshaw came to Balmoral Hall School in April 2004 to express her appreciation and gratitude for the efforts that Balmoral Hall encourages and instills in its students. She is seen here with Claire Sumerlus, Head of School and the Taylor family.

Through the Eyes of an Advocate

Excerpts from Save the Whales letter Taylor Maavara '07

Tuna casserole: a simple meal, tasty, healthy and easy to make. It is a favourite of my mum's. I used to eat it without question. Last month, however, a few things had changed. She was cooking it for dinner when I walked into the kitchen. I saw what she was cooking and groaned. She asked what was wrong. "To catch tuna they have to kill other endangered animals," I replied. "Oh, don't worry, it's dolphin friendly," she said and held the can up to my face. That wasn't good enough for me. "Sure it is, but is it turtle, shark or whale friendly? I'll only eat it if they caught the tuna in either traps, on lines or in nets with release gates for other animals." She didn't know what to say.

A year ago, I was oblivious to any of these issues. Then I went whale watching, and somehow I got hooked on saving the environment. Now I've started a club, and our main goal is to spread awareness. By educating the public on this issue, we can take small steps towards ending these problems. We are starting a petition and sending it to Prime Minister Paul Martin with hopes that he will join the International Whaling Commission.

Hannah Taylor is credited with raising directly and indirectly nearly \$100,000 for the estimated 2,000 homeless people in Winnipeg.

When Hannah was in Grade 1, she rallied her classmates to collect clothes and cans of coffee for a local homeless shelter. The girls then participated in a bake and art sale to further their fundraising efforts. Hannah's commitment grew steadily, culminating in the creation of her Lady Bug Fund in support of the homeless. Joined by her classmates now in Grade 2, Hannah and friends decorated hundreds of jars for distribution throughout Winnipeg. Hannah continues to share her message with schools and businesses. Still a little girl, she has embraced her passion for advocacy and shares it with her community.



Classmates of Hannah Taylor work extremely hard making hundreds of ladybug jars to collect funds for a homeless shelter.



Hannah Taylor ... Student Leader for the Homeless

During an assembly Hannah speaks to the student body.

A Whole New Meaning to the Words "Doggy Bag"

Following an Inquiry Unit on folk tales called *Long Ago and Far Away*, Bryanna Sherbo '13 was inspired to make a difference. Let's go back to where it all began...Back in March, special guest and author of the "Nanabosho" books, Joe McLellan, shared with the Grade 3 classes his stories as well as his story writing process.

To accompany his stories, he sang and played the hand drum. In the Ojibway culture, he explained, the sound of the drum symbolizes a mother's heartbeat, which is the first sound a baby hears. The sound of the drum reminds a child of their place in their mother's heart. Joe asked the girls to remember the times their mothers told them how special they were. He asked the students to reflect on what they believed to be their own special gift, and to imagine how they could use it to better the world.

Following the visit, each member of the Grade 3 classes wrote a thank you note to Joe. In Bryanna's note, she explained how she thought she could make a difference. She wrote about her love for animals and that she had decided to raise money for the Winnipeg Humane Society. She spoke about her idea with her family as well as her teacher, Ms Konyk-Pastuck. Bryanna went on a "behind the scenes" tour of the Humane Society and in class afterwards, shared what she had learned. Bryanna asked her peers to help her with this worthy cause. Bryanna's idea was to have each girl make a handmade "Doggy Bag".

As an art project, paper bags were decorated with paw prints and dog-related images. The bags would then be displayed in workplaces or used by individuals to collect funds. Bryanna took the bags home and distributed them to interested students, businesses and individuals. To date, Bryanna has raised nearly \$1,000.00 for the Humane Society! Bryanna says that both Joe McLellan and schoolmate Hannah Taylor inspired and encouraged her to make a difference.

National Student Debating



Baillie Klein '04 prepares to compete in the English category for Team Manitoba.



Young alumnae return to the Common Room, a familiar and favourite place in the School. Seen here on break from judging the National Debating Tournament.



The many teams discuss and prepare for their upcoming debate.



An impressive number of alumnae reunite to judge the National Debating Tournament, (back row) Meena Bhullar '03, Laura Penner '03, Ashley Zajac '02, Carla Goncalo '01, (middle row) Johsa Manzanilla '03, Riya Ganguly '03, Amy Dhillon '03, Laura Lemon '03 (front row) Meredith Tapper '03, Lauren Seaman '03, Mhelanni Gorre '02, and Marcie Hawranik '02.

Balmoral Hall School, along with schools in Winnipeg, St. Pierre, and Oak Bank, played host to 68 of the finest high school debaters and public speakers in Canada. These students were chosen by their provinces to represent them in a national competition that featured English, French and bilingual categories. Balmoral Hall's Baillie Klein was on Team Manitoba competing in the English category.

The students arrived in Winnipeg on April 25th and embarked on a full five days of competition, tours, fellowship and learning. They competed in three different types of debate style; parliamentary, cross-examination and academic. In addition to the debates, they also competed in a speech contest and held a mock parliament, all while making new friends and exploring new ideas. The theme of this year's competition was 'Immigration and Multiculturalism' and Winnipeg proved to be the perfect place to showcase this theme.

The participants were treated to tours of the Manitoba Museum, The Ukrainian Cultural Centre, the St. Boniface Museum, the Steinbach Mennonite Museum as well as a 'mini Folklorama' gala evening of entertainment and an awards banquet held at Balmoral Hall School. The contests were hard fought in front of classrooms full of students of all ages. All of the judges (many of whom were BH alumnae) and students marveled at the high standard of skills displayed by the debaters. This was a wonderful opportunity for our students to witness first hand the skills that make these debaters national champions.

Congratulations to Sarah Murdoch '04 who won the United Nations Public Speaking Competition in the Senior 3 & 4 division. At the competition, held at Silver Heights Collegiate on March 9, 2004, Sarah spoke on the changing role of the United Nations in today's world. Sarah was awarded with the Hon. Edward Schreyer trophy. Also competing for BH were Victoria Schaeffer '08 and Rachel Chen '05. Congratulations to all of the participants!



Sarah Murdoch '04 was awarded the Hon. Edward Schreyer trophy, at the United Nations Public Speaking Competition held in Winnipeg.



Alumnae, Parents, staff and members of the community gather for a briefing on Judging the National Debating Tournament held at Balmoral Hall School.

Debating Awards Listing

**Junior Debate Tournament,
Viscount Alexander School—October 15, 2003**
Top BH Debater Victoria Schaeffer

**National Debate Qualifiers,
St. John's Ravenscourt—October 20, 2003**
1st place overall Sarah Murdoch
6th place overall Baillie Klein
2nd place team Baillie Klein/Sarah Murdoch

**International Independent Public Schools'
Public Speaking Championships,
Crofton House, Vancouver—October 23–27, 2003**
5th place overall
Interpretive Reading Baillie Klein
11th place overall
Impromptu Speaking Sarah Murdoch
10th place overall
Debating Kyla Caners
6th place Team overall
Nationally Kyla Caners/Baillie Klein/
Sarah Murdoch
12th place Team overall
Internationally Kyla Caners/Baillie Klein/
Sarah Murdoch

**Junior Debate Tournament,
St. John's Ravenscourt—November 18, 2003**
2nd overall Open Kathryn Marcynuk
Top BH Debater Kathryn Marcynuk
3rd place Team Kathryn Marcynuk/Leah Werier
3rd place Team—Novice Christine Harms/
Megan Martins Da Ponte

**Junior Debate Tournament,
St. Mary's Academy—November 26, 2003**
2nd place Team—Novice Meghan Martins Da Ponte/
Eileen Newman
4th place Debater—Novice Meghan Martins Da Ponte
Top BH Debater Kathryn Marcynuk

**Junior Debate Tournament,
St. John's Ravenscourt—February 2, 2004**
Top BH Debater Kathryn Marcynuk/Leah Werier
4th place Novice Victoria Schaeffer
5th place Novice Malak Abas
8th place Team Kathryn Marcynuk/Leah Werier
11th place Open Kathryn Marcynuk/Leah Werier

**Junior Debate Tournament,
Balmoral Hall School—February 26, 2004**
6th place Overall Kelsey Connor
Novice
1st place Individual Meghan Malcolm-Kenyon
3rd place Individual Megan Martins Da Ponte

4th place Individual Chelsea Joyce
5th place Individual Kaitlin King
10th place Individual Toria Rankin Friesen
1st place Team Meghan Malcolm-Kenyon/
Megan Martins Da Ponte
Kelsey Connor/Kaitlin King
Malak Abas/Celina Brown
Alanna Hannaford/
Erika Rankin Friesen

Open
Top BH Debater Leah Werier
3rd place Individual Leah Werier
5th place Individual Kathryn Marcynuk
2nd place Team Kathryn Marcynuk/Leah Werier
6th place Team Laura Murdoch/Jill Penman
7th place Team Emilie Anderson-Gregoire/
Victoria Schaeffer
10th place Team Torrie Robertson/
Shanleigh Thomson

**Senior Debate Tournament,
St. Mary's Academy—March 15, 2004**
Top BH Debater Baillie Klein
5th place Individual Baillie Klein
7th place Individual Sarah Murdoch
4th place Team Baillie Klein/Sarah Murdoch
10th place Team Navdeep Bhullar/Jamie Rosin
Canadian National Debating
Seminar Qualifier Baillie Klein

**Junior Douglas Campbell Public Speaking Competition,
Grant Park High School—May 27, 2004**
2nd place overall (silver medal)
Poetry Kathryn Marcynuk
4th place overall
Poetry Carolyn Bright
5th place overall
Impromptu Speech Victoria Schaeffer
6th place
Impromptu Speech Shanleigh Thomson
9th place
Impromptu Speech Torrie Robertson
4th place
Persuasive Speech Emilie Anderson-Gregoire
6th place
Persuasive Speech Kate Langrell

**National Debate Competition,
Balmoral Hall School—April 29, 2004**
6th place Overall Baillie Klein

Junior Provincial Debate Tournament—May 3, 2004
Top BH Debater Malak Abas

Balmoral Hall Invades Italy

Susan Sammons, Grade 8 Teacher

Over Spring Break, 34 teachers and students traveled to Italy to explore the art, architecture, history and culture of that great country. Landing in Milan, we drove to Verona where we visited the neighborhood of Romeo and Juliet. While several students touched the bronze statue of Juliet, others read the hundreds of messages left on the walls by visiting lovers. In Venice, we floated through the canals on gondolas, climbed to the top of the bell tower and walked through the Basilica of St. Mark. Having refreshments and sitting in the cafes of the famous Piazza San Marco was expensive, but worth it!

Florence provided an opportunity to view Michelangelo's David and in Pisa, we all climbed to the top of the famous leaning tower! In Assisi, Sorrento and the Isle of Capri, our days were filled with wonderful paintings, walled cities, and breath-taking views of the sea and student birthday celebrations. Arriving in Pompeii and Rome we witnessed the remains of the many achievements of the Roman Empire. Besides culture and history, we learned about Italian washrooms, auto grills, Italian men, subways, Italian traffic, jet foils, Italian ice cream and of course, airports! Traveling with such a wonderful group of young women was an exhausting pleasure; one we will never forget!



Reflections of a BH Graduate

Tiffany Sobczak '04

When I first started at BH, I was both relieved and worried at the same time. Relieved that I was leaving the environment in which I had started my education where not only were my fellow students' nasty towards me, but the staff as well. I was worried also that BH would be the same. This was not the case; my fellow students welcomed me with open arms.

On my first day as a visitor, one of my future friends introduced me to the group of girls which I was to become a member of in less than six months. I'll never forget the way that I was introduced, her exact words were, "Girls, this is Tiffany. She's here on a visit and I'm showing her the ropes". Within seconds of this most unusual introduction everyone of those girls had begun giving me "Tips on How to Survive Life at BH". I also got advice on everything from which teachers to avoid if having uniform "issues" to what foods to avoid at lunch.

On that day, I was able to attend one class with my new friends. The class was Grade 8 Math with Mr. Joe Reid. During this class, I wasn't afraid to raise my hand even though I was a guest. I took notes with the other girls, did the in-class work and to my surprise was called on twice. I felt like one of the girls especially at the end of the class when I was asked to stay behind only to be complimented on my "fearless approach to this new adventure." Over the next four years, I learned exactly how accurate my first impression of this wonderful place had been. I continued to find new friends in my fellow students and shining examples of humanity in my teachers. I feel truly blessed to have been a part of this and I will miss this second family terribly.

Tiffany Sobczak '04 had the privilege of spending the day with Mrs. Kamins acting as Principal of Senior School for a day (a prize auctioned off at the Balmoral Hall Parent Association Dinner Dance & Auction earlier in the year)

A Parent's Reflection

The Senior High years are very important and significant in a young woman's education and BH has proven to be the best choice for Tiffany's education. During her time at BH, we have watched a steady progression of education achievements, personal growth, discovery of strengths, identification of areas that needed improvement, the desire to find that special career path, strength to make personal changes and the interest to pursue dreams.

Balmoral Hall School provides an environment where each student is regarded as an individual and learning activities are suited to create the needed "spark of enthusiasm". Students are always encouraged with support and interest from the teachers and staff. Respect and understanding of themselves, others and the community are always a part of this special mix of education. BH is more than a school—it is a special family.

The public school system that Tiffany left in Grade 8 was not providing the necessary facets of educating and nourishing of Tiffany's needs. Tiffany did not feel safe in this environment and hated going to school. As a special needs student, the system segregated her and made her feel incompetent and an outsider. During this time we watched Tiffany struggle to do her best in an impossible environment. She began to doubt herself, feel incompetent had no sense of belonging and was not having fun.

We were so pleased when we found that Balmoral Hall's Senior School was wheelchair accessible. After interviews, testing and more interviews, Tiffany became a part of the BH Family. She has always felt as though she belonged at BH and has not looked back since. There were many personal and educational challenges that needed to be overcome and Tiffany proudly rose to the occasion. This would not have been the case without the support and philosophy of the BH community. You Believe in your students, they do Achieve and Tiffany did Succeed. We all have reason to be proud.

Chester and Sue Sobczak



This year's soccer team is the first in BH history to win the Zone 12 conference title. The girls finished in 2nd place during regular season with a 3-1-1 record.

In the semi-finals, the girls played Linden Christian School who had tied them previously. In a fantastic "mud bowl", BH proved too much for their rivals, winning 2-0. The final pitted BH against

A 1st for BH!

Immanuel Christian School, the only school to have defeated them during regular season. It, too, was played on a soggy, mud-soaked pitch. Once again BH came ready to play and, once again, proved too much for their opponents. The final score was 1-0 with Christine Siddall scoring the goal on a penalty kick!

The girls then moved onto the Provincials in June 2004. Although the team lost its matches, this was the first time the BH soccer team has advanced this far. There were also a record number of students who tried out for the soccer team this year...over 50 girls in Grades 9-12 tried out for the team! The most valuable soccer player was Maria Schultz and most improved player was Kristine Wilson. We are already looking forward to next year's season!

Athletic Awards

On Tuesday, May 25, approximately 150 people attended our 4th annual Athletics Banquet.

Congratulations to the following students who received special awards:

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Development Volleyball-BH1
Jacklyn Prendiville

Development Volleyball-BH2
Madison Lee

Junior Competitive Volleyball
Cathy Guyot

Junior Varsity Volleyball
Robin Jacuzzi

Varsity Volleyball
Kaitlin Briggs/Jennifer Dyck-Sprout

Development Basketball-BH1
Chelsea Chimilar

Development Basketball-BH2
Kelsey Watchman

Junior Competitive Basketball
Cathy Guyot-offensive
Robyn Zajac-defensive

Junior Varsity Basketball
Kelcey Vossen

Varsity Basketball
Katrina Maksymyk

Soccer
Maria Schultz

MOST IMPROVED PLAYER

Development Volleyball-BH1
Rebecca Sherbo

Development Volleyball-BH2
Jaunty Morden

Junior Competitive Volleyball
Jenna Brown / Stephanie Lawson

Junior Varsity Volleyball
Erin Cornelius / Catherine Simons

Varsity Volleyball
Jamie Rosin / Hayly Smerchanski

Development Basketball-BH1
Ksenia Ogolikhina

Development Basketball-BH2
Allison Love

Junior Competitive Basketball
Rachel Cosman

Junior Varsity Basketball
Laura Murdoch

Varsity Basketball
Lena Franford

Soccer
Kristine Wilson

ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Junior
Cathy Guyot / Robin Zajac

Junior Varsity
Catherine Simons

Varsity
Kristine Wilson

Award of Merit
Jennifer Dyck-Sprout / Dany Theberge

Award of Distinction
Kristine Wilson

Congratulations to all athletes for a wonderful year of sports!



Claire Sumerlus addresses the students, staff and parents at the 4th Annual Athletic Banquet—May 25, 2004

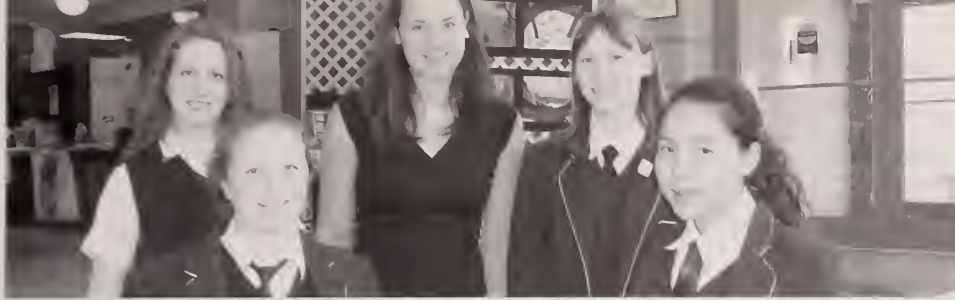
We Believe... in the power of Healthy Lifestyles; forming the foundation for our growth and health; now and in the future.

We Achieve... athletic rigor in a competitive but nurturing environment, by seeking regular physical activity and challenging the skills in a variety of activities.

We Succeed... with confidence to strive for a lifetime of personal fitness, in our school, our home and our community.

Our athletic program provides opportunities to participate in hands-on meaningful experiences that are an essential part of the learning process. We provide students with a wide range of sporting activities that can be in the form of individual or team sport and further developing the skills needed to learn about organizational and officiating roles in sport.

We hope that achieving a personal level of success and confidence will encourage lifelong activities on their own.



Alana Miller '98 (centre) with 2004's Athletes of the year. (left to right) Head Girl Kristine Wilson '04, Catherine Simons '06, Robyn Zajac '08, and Cathy Guyot '08.

Excerpts from Alana Miller's Keynote address at the 2004 Balmoral Hall Athletic Banquet.

"Being here brings back memories of my volleyball career in my graduating year. On tryout day, armed with only the rules of the game learned in gym class, I put on a confident smile and lined up with the 'experts' who had played since Grade 7. I had no idea what I was up against. My serves were awesome: just a combination of a tennis serve and a badminton smash. Fortunately, the coach had difficulty finding someone who could spike from the left side so she told me if I could learn that skill she could use me on the team. And I did.

Since graduating, there hasn't been time for team sports, but I have done a lot of competing in squash as well as furthering my academic goals. For the last six months, however, I've only played squash. I've been competing in the Pro Squash tour traveling and playing all over the world: I've won; I've lost; I've cried; I've laughed; I've fallen asleep in the corner of airports; I've flown 'red eye' flights to save a few bucks; at times I've had only a few bucks in my pocket.

"Playing against such awesome competition is not easy but I see it as a 'once in a lifetime experience.' Hopefully I'll know when it's time to grow up, pack my racquets and get a real job."

My first pro experience was last May in Salt Lake City. With a #140 world ranking I drew an Australian ranked #33. She was fit with bulging biceps, she was fast and could run all day, and she wore a tough look. I was intimidated. Was I being fed to the dogs? The match was short, I didn't get a point. With my pride blown to the wind, I accepted the consolation prize: pick myself up and work harder.

With time though, I began to see my competitors in a different light: Why were these players all so good? Maybe I can learn from them. I began to watch their matches with a critical eye and noticed they reached so many balls because of good anticipation, so I too started anticipating.

I noticed they made few errors during comfortable play but made errors just like me when under pressure, so I increased the pressure. And most importantly, I began to believe I could play at their level."

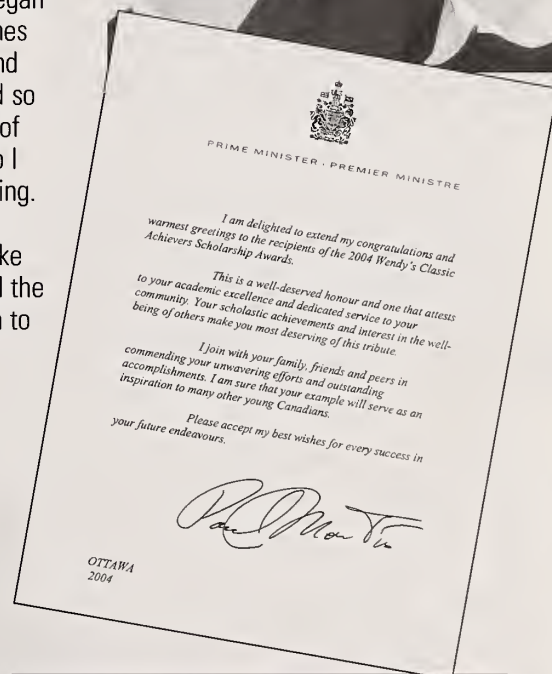
A Briefing on the Athletic History of Alana Miller '98

- 2004 Canadian Women's Squash Champion
- Winner of six national junior squash Championships.
- Winner of the under 16 National Junior Badminton Championship
- No. 1 Manitoba women's Open Tennis Champion from 1999 to 2003
- Member of Balmoral Hall's '98 volleyball and track team

"I have been playing racquet sports: badminton, tennis and squash—since I was seven. Throughout my sports career I have balanced competition with academics. At times, this combination was challenging. For the past six months, I have been playing on the women's pro squash tour and plan to continue for at least another year. I hope to improve my ranking from my current position of No. 46 into the Top 20. Upon completion of my competitive career, I plan to attend graduate school to study Medicine."

BH High Achievers...

Congratulations to Balmoral Hall Senior 4 students Jennifer Dyck-Sprout and Kyla Caners for being honoured with **Wendy's Classic Achiever Scholarships**. Both students were chosen from over 7,600 applicants nationally for demonstrating excellence in academic performance, community service and participation in extra-curricular activities. As a result of Jennifer receiving one of the top 10 awards, Balmoral Hall was also recognized with a monetary award.



"Diversify your interests. Disappointment is longer lasting than gratification but distraction helps us to recover."



2004 Yes She Can Award Dinner

Tina Alto, Director of Advancement

Linda Cook, President and CEO of Shell Canada Limited received the 2004 Balmoral Hall School "Yes She Can" Award in recognition of her leadership within the global marketplace at a gala dinner in Winnipeg on June 14, 2004.

In accepting the 2004 Yes She Can Award, Ms. Cook stated, "I am truly honoured to receive this award. Yes She Can—a simple, but powerful statement". During her acceptance speech, Ms. Cook related how six women influenced and inspired her, including Margaret Thatcher, Marie Curie, Roberta Bondar and her mom. She acknowledged, "These women all share a belief in the importance of education, a strong work ethic, great perseverance, a supportive family and did not perceive gender as a barrier to their dreams. Such women are not deterred by convention nor are they limited by stereotyping."

She concluded with "You don't have to be born into power and privilege, although you may be. You don't have to experience grief and deprivation to do great things, yet hardship and loss should not hold you back. You may seek to influence people in a very public way, or you may prefer anonymity. Don't forget that, for thousands of years, women have honed their skills as influencers without overt power. As wives and mothers we have cajoled and persuaded to great effect. And nothing is more challenging or more important than raising children to be productive, contributing members of society. So, as you can see, "Women Who Can" are everywhere."

In August 2004, Ms. Cook will leave Canada to join the Royal Dutch Petroleum Company of the Netherlands as a Managing Director, and a member of the Committee of Managing Directors for the global Royal Dutch/Shell Group.

Claire Sumerlus, Head of School remarked, "Linda Cook is an outstanding role model for all of us, but most notably for our girls and young women". She continued, "I am proud of the role BH plays in supporting the development of the next generation of exceptional women".



Ms. Linda Cook and Mr. Ken Bicknell

The "Yes She Can" award is presented by Balmoral Hall School to celebrate positive role models for young women and to recognize the achievements of women who have gained national and international prominence in their fields of endeavour. This year's event raised \$40,000 towards our Centennial Endowment Fund in support of scholarships and bursaries. Thank you to the organizing committee, chaired by Mr. Ken Bicknell, Past Board Chair.



Mr. Kerry Hawkins (former Board of Governors Chair),
Ms. Linda Cook and Claire Sumerlus, Head of School.

❁ The Party ❁

The annual Parent Association Dinner, Dance and Auction fundraiser held on March 6, 2004 at the Winnipeg Fairmont hotel proved to be a fantastic night. The Party saw guests dancing the night away to the famous 60s and 70s tunes of Winnipeg's own Free Ride Band. The evening's success is credited to the generosity of the local business community, the giving spirit of the BH parent body, the tireless efforts of the dance committee, the help of many volunteers and the staff at BH.

Thank you especially to committee co-chairs, Charlotte Sytnyk, Shawn Doty and Shawna Cook.

Tickets, auction, grab bags—the profit turned out to be over a cool \$58,000!



First Alum Joins the Meliora Petens Legacy Society



Deborah Metcalfe '76 makes a planned gift to BH.

believes she can help a great girl whose parents haven't the financial means to send her to BH.

"I'd love to be able to give \$25,000 every year, but I can't. Naming the School in your Will or via life insurance policies are great ways to make a sizeable donation to the School, without financial difficulty. As a BH alumna, I know only too well the difference a great education can make in a young woman's future."

Actively involved in the School, Deborah is Past President of the Alumnae Association and was Treasurer for the Alumnae Centennial Reunion in 2002. Currently, she serves on the Board of Balmoral Hall School as Chair of the Finance Committee. Since 1995, she has been the CFO/Investment Advisor for Bieber Securities Inc. in Winnipeg.

Deborah believes that joining the *Meliora Petens Legacy Society* through a planned gift to the School sends an important message to other potential donors. "I don't think that it is ever too early to start thinking about the future."

Deborah Metcalfe '76 recently joined the **Meliora Petens Legacy Society**.

This society recognizes special donors who have included Balmoral Hall School in their estate planning and have notified the Advancement Office. In addition to making her yearly gift to the BH Annual Fund, Deborah explains, "I have made BH a partial beneficiary on one of my life insurance policies. This is just in case something happens to me before I am financially able to make a large donation to the school myself."

Deborah agrees that making a planned gift is about leaving a legacy. For her, it demonstrates commitment and a desire to make a contribution to the future. By designating her gift to the Endowment Fund for scholarship and bursaries, she

Newly Named Fund Grows Centennial Endowment

In the spring of 2004, we had an alumna visit us from Wichita, Kansas! Betty (Morton) Christian graduated from Riverbend School in 1938, attended the University of Manitoba and then Iowa State where she obtained her Doctorate in Chemistry. She taught Kindergarten for a number of years and has lived most of her life in Kansas.

Betty's knowledge of the school system and interest in early year education prompted her to make a donation to the School's Endowment Fund. **The Betty (Morton) Christian Fund** supports our efforts to fund scholarships, relieving the pressure on the School's operating budget. We are very grateful for this generous gift!

Major Donors Support a Growing Laptop Program for BH Girls

Recently, current parent and Chair of BH's Advancement Committee, James Morden and his wife Janice made a \$100,000 donation towards our laptop program. They join an anonymous donor who also contributed over \$60,000 to this important initiative.

These gifts follow both donors earlier contributions to the highly successful Debt Reduction Campaign. We are very grateful for the leadership role these donors have taken in advancing the mission of BH and building opportunities for our students.



Supporting BH Students

Every June, many BH students are the recipients of scholarships awarded at Closing Exercises. Several of these scholarships are Named Funds that were established by alumnae, parents and members of the BH Family. Named Endowment Funds are a special way for donors to make a meaningful gift to the School, while at the same time honouring an individual or group by naming a fund after them. Over the past year, Balmoral Hall has received several donations towards many of the existing Named Funds, and, a few new funds were also established!

Directing your Donation

This year's Annual Fund brochure has a new pledge card that encourages alumnae to direct their gift to the following funds. Building these funds allows operating budget dollars currently used, to be redirected towards programming, curriculum enrichment and special initiatives for students.

All funds received in support of our Named Funds and our general Centennial Endowment Fund are under the professional management of The Winnipeg Foundation.

In 1970, two endowed funds in memory of Rosemary Gordon Condo '66, were established by family, classmates, staff and the Alumnae Association. For over 30 years, BH girls have benefited from the interest income generated by these funds.

This year, Vanessa Heron '04 and Lisa Koss '04 shared the **Rosemary Gordon Condo Memorial Award**. Lisa writes, "Thank you very much for selecting me to be one of the co-recipients of the Rosemary Gordon Condo Memorial Award. The money that I received from this award will be put toward my university education at Simon Fraser University where I will be studying Business Administration."

The **Rosemary Gordon Condo Library Award** is presented annually to a student who gives the most assistance to the Library during the school year. This year, Melanie Riggs '06 was the recipient.



Leah Wong '04 (left) and Maria Schultz '04 (2002 and 2003 recipients) display a recent addition to the library, in memory of Rosemary Condo '66. The lovely photo of Rosemary in the 1970 yearbook and the accompanying tribute written by Janet (Harrison) Burrell BH '65 is now framed and displayed in the Library.

The **Elsie M. Bartlett Fund**, recognizing a former Head of School, has grown to over \$5,239! When it reaches \$20,000, it will live in perpetuity and the interest earned each year will ensure a scholarship is given to a returning student entering Grade 9. Although not yet self-sufficient, BH subsidizes this scholarship so that it can be awarded annually.

This year, Nora Fien and Jenna Brown both received the Elsie M. Bartlett Scholarship after having successfully completed the scholarship requirements. Nora has been at BH for eight years and held a 96% average in Grade 8, the highest in her grade. Jenna started at BH in 2003 and when asked about the meaning of receiving this scholarship said, "Being awarded the E.M. Bartlett Scholarship was a wonderful surprise. It was a privilege to be chosen for the award and the responsibility connected with it will motivate me to continue to work hard to achieve my goals. Applying for the scholarship also helped me realize how much I accomplished in the past few years. Thank you!"

The **Michelle Geri Pratt Scholarship** was awarded for the first time this year. In June, Erica Scharfstein '08 received it in recognition of her improvement in writing skills over the course of the school year. The Michelle Geri Pratt Scholarship was established in 2003 in memory of Mrs. Jackie Copp (Head of Academic Studies & Principal of Middle School) and Mr. Reg Pratt's daughter.



Miss Nellie Lucas in 1962

In 2003, the **Nellie Lucas Fund** was established to remember a beloved Secretary & BH Registrar and has raised \$2,225. A minimum of \$20,000 is necessary before this fund can become a granting fund to a deserving student.

An alumna donor recently forwarded us this quotation which she has kept in her graduation yearbook and had marked "so like Nellie Lucas".

She has achieved success

Who has lived well, laughed often
and loved much;
Who has gained the respect
of intelligent men and women,
and the love of little children,
Who has filled her niche
and accomplished her task;
Who has left the world better
than she found it,
Who has never lacked appreciation
of earth's beauty or failed
to express it;
Who has looked for the best
in others and given the best she had.
Whose life is an inspiration.

author unknown

We hope you will consider directing your annual gift to one of these named funds.

A New Direction for the Annual Fund

2005 Annual Fund

Annual gifts to Balmoral Hall support the daily lives of students and teachers. These gifts provide critical support to the School's operating budget by offsetting expenses not covered in tuition.

You may wonder why Balmoral Hall needs to fundraise with the tuition fees at their current levels. As an independent school, we do rely in large part on tuition fees to cover school costs. Tuition in fact covers 80% of educating a BH student. In addition to tuition, the school receives a per-student grant from the Province of Manitoba. Combined, these two sources of income still leave a gap in the operating budget. **This is where the Annual Fund comes in.**

Across North America, independent schools like BH run annual fundraising campaigns. Every fall, parents, alumnae, staff, grandparents, parents of alumnae and friends are invited to support not only the day-to-day workings of the School, but to provide a margin of excellence beyond the budget.

Soon, you will receive materials asking you to consider making a tax-deductible donation to the Balmoral Hall Annual Fund. **Maximizing participation is our goal for 2004-05.** We want to reach as close to 100% participation among our entire BH Family—please remember that every gift makes a difference to the School!

Thank You!

To all our donors in 2003-04, thank you for making Balmoral Hall School a priority in your charitable giving. We have enclosed our Donor List in this issue of the magazine in appreciation of your support!

First Class Fund Started by the Alums of 2003!

Laura Lemon '03 and Andi Sharma '03 met at the School to sign a letter to their classmates announcing the new Class of 2003 Fund.



To meet the increased need for a strong scholarship & bursary program at BH, the Class of 2003 has established the 1st ever Class Fund! Using dollars from their grad budget, the girls wanted to honour the memory of Michelle Geri Pratt, daughter of our Principal of Middle School Jackie Copp, who was killed tragically in a car accident last year.

The Class of 2003 Fund will continue to grow with annual gifts from these alumnae and upon reaching \$20,000, it will become a granting fund. Thank you Class of 2003 for starting a new tradition of giving at BH!



The graduates of 2003 start a Class Fund at BH.

Class of 2004 Fund

Following in the steps of the girls before them, the Class of 2004 Fund has also been established. The class has decided that when the fund reaches a granting amount, the interest earned will ensure that no daughter or granddaughter of the Class of 2004 will ever be turned away from BH for financial reasons.

Parents of our 2003 and 2004 Graduates:

If you would like to help your daughter's Class Fund grow, please feel free to direct your annual gift by indicating the fund name on your donation form.

Starting Your Class Fund

All Class Funds are professionally managed by The Winnipeg Foundation. If you would like to support the BH girls of today by starting a Class Fund for your graduating class, please contact Geneviève Delaquis in the Annual Fund Office at 204.784.1603 or annualfund@balmoralhall.com



Susan Rich '87

Susan Rich '87 Closing Exercises Keynote Speaker, 2004

"It is quite something to be back here, in Westminster Church, embraced again by the BH Family. A surprising amount of time has passed since I was sitting where you are today, wearing a white dress I still have somewhere, in case suddenly I find I need a formal

tablecloth. The journey from my proud tearful graduation day in 1987 to today's proud tearful graduation day has taken me from Winnipeg to Montreal to Boston to New York to Toronto. And a surprising amount has happened in that time. I'm now an Executive Editor at HarperCollins Children's Books.

Certainly, the journey started here. I joined the BH Family in Grade Six, in the fall of 1980. Balmoral Hall turned out to be exactly the right thing for me. From the unhappy, uninvolved

underachiever I had been in Grade 5, by Grade 6, I was transformed into the one protesting that new girls couldn't run for student office. BH in Grade 6 marked the beginning, in some way, I think, of me becoming myself. I loved it here. I was Vice Head of Junior School that spring. I wore my green socks

pulled up high and was willing to walk home, wearing my uniform, past Kelvin.

When I look back, two things happened in Grade 6 for me: I had more fun in school than I thought possible. I got better grades, got involved and was so much happier. When I look back on what I've accomplished, it seems to me that everything stems out of that lesson I was learning in Grade 6. I did better when I had fun. When I loved what I did, I excelled. And when I didn't, I didn't.

When I set off for McGill University, I was sure political science was for me. I had been Head Girl after all, and so the obvious next step was, of course, Prime Minister. My then older and wiser brother (well, he's still older) told me maybe I should study literature—he had some sense I'd chosen my major because I thought it was the "right" thing to do. But literature didn't seem like a realistic pursuit to me. Literature was for fun. Political science was for real. A year later, I was in graduate school getting a Masters in Children's Literature.

I do believe the most fortunate events of my life have been those moments where I discovered and embraced and had fun with the things I loved: BH, Children's literature & Lemony Snicket.

Each of you is an extraordinary woman. Each of us has the potential to make an impact and have fun. Get to know yourself, find your passion, work hard, and make fun of your life."

"Follow your interests. Find something you love to do. Resist falling in love with the idea of doing a certain something, and find the certain something you actually love to do. Take on the tremendous challenges your future offers you, knowing that when there is joy in what you do, it is so much easier to enjoy and do well"



The Class of 2004



Claire Sumertus, Head of Balmoral Hall School, Closing Exercises 2004

Excerpts from the Head of School Address

"Graduations are a time for reflection and anticipation—for you the graduates as well as for those of us—your parents, families and teachers—who have watched you grow and develop into confident, energetic young women eager to take

your place in the world beyond the walls of BH."

As teachers and educators, our job is to prepare you for the next phase of your life. Right now, I am sure you would describe your years at BH in terms of papers written, exams completed and activities enjoyed. These are merely tangible examples of our real goal: to provide you with a foundation of knowledge and skills that helped build your confidence and instill in you the belief in your

ability to achieve all you desire. As Eleanor Roosevelt once said, "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."

At BH, we made it our mission to expose you to all sides of an issue, encouraged you to challenge the expected and to boldly go forward with new ideas. In academic terms, we were developing your ability to be a critical thinker. This is a skill you will use on a regular basis in your life, your family and your community. As Charlotte Bunch said: "The state of the world today demands that women become less modest and dream, plan, act, and risk on a larger scale."

I am proud of the accomplishments of our graduating class—we have had outstanding achievement in every area of study, while not losing our focus on caring and nurturing each other and our community."

"To provide you with a foundation of knowledge and skills that helped build your confidence and instill in you the belief in your ability to achieve all you desire."



Kristine Wilson '04 Valedictorian Address, Closing Exercises 2004.

Excerpts from Valedictorian Address

Last night, upon thinking of my fellow classmates, I realized that all of us are bred for success and that when we made our own motto "Believe, Achieve and then leave", we weren't really that far off of the mark.

Today we have believed in ourselves, achieved the passing grades and have succeeded in receiving our diplomas, but our success is by no means put at an end; our era at Balmoral, however, is. We are leaving Balmoral with not only the intention to conquer the world and maybe a couple of men along the way, but most of all we are leaving Balmoral with friendships and memories that have and will continue to unite us all. What has united us is time spent

together, and what time has done is delivered us upon the doorstep of today with bags of memories to carry with us for the remainder of our lives.

"The only direction that I know of, that any of us are suited to take, is forward; whether forward is north, south, east, or west, we will all share the same beginnings."

So what direction do we all take now? The only direction that I know of, that any of us are suited to take, is forward; whether forward is north, south, east, or west, we will all share the same beginnings. Time will bring us back to these beginnings and at our ten year reunion, we will all come back and begin again.

I am confident; however, that in ten years time, I will continue to have these same sentiments and only wish everyone here the best. It is not my intention to wish the very best to my fellow classmates however, without giving a humorous hint of advice and that is: When all of you gorgeous ladies are climbing the ladder of success, don't let creepy men look up your dress!

Class of 2004 Scholarships and Plans for the Future

HAYLEY ALFONSO

Travelling to Germany

MARTA ALPHONSO

Entrance Scholarship to the University of Winnipeg - Faculty of Arts

MARISA CAMPANELLI

Entrance scholarship to the University of Manitoba - University One

KYLA CANERS

Special entrance scholarship, advanced early admission scholarship, Leader of Tomorrow scholarship, Des Bevis Award for top student from Leaders of Tomorrow applicants to the University of Manitoba - University One.

JO-LAN CHEN

Cal State Fullerton, Long Beach to study Business & International Trade

HOI YI (SUSANNA) CHEUNG

University of Waterloo to enter the Faculty of Environment Research

NGAN YU (JESSICA) CHONG

Foothill College in San Francisco to study Business Administration

CARLEIGH DUNN

University of Manitoba to study at the Asper School of Business

JENNIFER DYCK-SPROUT

Entrance scholarship to McGill University to study Commerce

MEGHAN FEJES

University of Western Ontario entering the Faculty of Media, Information and Techno-culture with plans to pursue a law degree and become an entertainment attorney

MEGHAN FITZPATRICK

Special entrance scholarship to the University of Winnipeg to obtain a Bachelor of Arts, Honours Degree with a major in European History

JIA (JASMINE) GU

University of Western Ontario to study Actual Science

JUNG EUN (CLAIRE) HAN

McGill University to enter the Science Program

LEENA HASAN

Special entrance scholarship to the University of Winnipeg to enter the Faculty of Science

NERISSA HERON

Special entrance scholarship to the University of Winnipeg to obtain an Integrated Bachelor of Arts / Bachelor of Education

VANESSA HERON

Ryerson University in Toronto to study Applied Arts in Fashion Design

DIANA KING

University of Manitoba to enter University One with plans to go into Law and own her own restaurant

BAILLIE KLEIN

University of Winnipeg to study Political Science and eventually Law

LISA KOSS

Kenneth Strand National Entrance Scholarship to Simon Fraser University to study Business

SIU-KWAN (KATY) KWAN

University of Calgary to study International Relations

JESSICA LEE

Sheridan/York College in Ontario

AMY LUDWIG

Guelph or Queens University to study Science

KATRINA MAKSYMUK

University of Manitoba to study International Business

MIRAN MARCUS

Special entrance scholarship to the University of Winnipeg to study Art

SAMANTHA MARYK

University of Winnipeg to study pre-medicine with plans of becoming an accredited Manitoba Fitness Leader

EMILY MASSON

Entrance Scholarship to University of Manitoba attending the Asper School of Business

MEGAN MCFADDEN

Academic Excellence Scholarship to the University of Alberta to enter the faculty of Science

ASHLEY MCGREGOR

Advanced Early Admission Scholarship to University of Manitoba to enter University One

BRENNA MCGREGOR

Special Entrance Scholarship to the University of Winnipeg to obtain a BA Honours Degree

STEPHANIE MCGREGOR

University of Manitoba to enter the School of Art

SARAH MURDOCH

Early Admission Scholarship and a Major Entrance Scholarship to the University of Winnipeg to enter the Faculty of Arts

JADE NGAI

McGill University to enter the Faculty of Arts

ALLISON PIGDEN

Ryerson to study Fashion Communications

TAREN RANKIN

University of Manitoba to enter University One

KATIE REYNOLDS

University of Winnipeg to obtain a Bachelor of Arts in International Development

MARIA SCHULTZ

Special Entrance Scholarship to the University of Winnipeg to enter the Faculty of Science

ERIKO SEKO

Returning to Japan to study Management

VANESSA SHIPLEY

Special Entrance Scholarship to the University of Winnipeg to study Arts with the focus on Social Sciences

TIFFANY SOBCZAK

Special Entrance Scholarship to the University of Winnipeg: to enter the Faculty of Arts, minoring in Criminal Justice/Conflict Resolution, and majoring in Politics

DANY THEBERGE

McGill University to obtain a Social Science degree, majoring in Economics

TESSA VANDERHART

University of Manitoba to study Microbiology

NESSA WERIER

Special Entrance Scholarship to the University of Winnipeg to enter the General Arts Program

KRISTINE WILSON

Dalhousie University to enter the Integrated Science Program in preparation for Marine Biology

CHLOE WOLSTENCROFT

Advanced Early Admission Scholarship to the University of Manitoba to enter University One

LEAH WONG

Guertin Centennial Entrance Scholarship to the University of Manitoba to enter University One in the Faculty of Science

SISI WU

University of Manitoba to study Accounting

XIAO MENG (KITTY) YE

University of Western Ontario to study Administrative and Commercial Studies





Sharing in Traditions

Balmoral Hall School has many traditions, a number of them take place in the spring and are eagerly anticipated by each graduating class. These traditions include the Lifer & Doll Assembly, the Cement Handprint, receiving the Alumnae keychains and wearing white dresses at Westminster United Church.





Deborah Morrison '81 Alumnae Association President seen here with soon-to-be alumnae Meghan Fejes, Taren Rankin and Sarah Murdoch all from the Class of 2004.

Rites of Passage

Remarks by Deborah Morrison '81, Alumnae Association President at the Alumnae Assembly, May 2004

"It's an honour for me to participate in today's Alumnae Assembly. Hearing stories about how things were different is interesting isn't it?

The Grade 6 class along with Mrs. Ashdown RIV '39 and Mrs. Aldous RLS '38 shared just how different things were in Winnipeg and at the School in the 1930's. But what is even more interesting is how some things—the important things—stay the same.

There are connections you make here at BH that will last a lifetime—those that you already know about...your friends, your teachers, the imprints you make in your class cement block outside...and those that you won't really understand until several years after graduation.

There are traditions at the School that bring all of us together regardless of when we studied here. A BH girl really is aware of her world in unique ways—whether it is Barbara Aldous RLS '39 traveling to other schools and community events to raise hopes during the Depression, Alana Miller '98 winning the 2004 Canadian Women's Squash Championship or Hannah Taylor '14 painting ladybug jars to raise funds for the homeless.

Other traditions, like the doll ceremony, the Best Friends song, the white dresses, and the Garden Party behind Aikins House that have been a part of the BH rites of passage for over 100 years, are mostly the reminders we need to remember long after we leave: as alumnae we know there will always be a circle of support and friendship to help us believe, achieve, and succeed in whatever we pursue.

And so, as I turn to the 2004 graduating class of Balmoral Hall—knowing that many of you are probably very well prepared, anxious, and impatient to move on to explore all that life has to offer—you've been the role models for these girls all year...and we have high expectations that you will continue to be role models in the future. And when you need some extra energy and support to realize your goals, I hope that you return here to find that source of strength and inspiration.

To remind you of that connection, it has been another tradition for the Alumnae Association to give each graduating student a gift to welcome them as Alumnae. In my day it was a necklace, today it is a gold keychain. Welcome girls!"



Ferne (Lount) Rose RIV '39,
Barbara (Hamon) Aldous RLS '38,
Mary Jo (Ball) Campbell RIV '40,
Betty (Foster) Wilcox RLS '34 and
Margaret (Chown) Morse RLS '37 gather
in Aikins House after the Alumnae
Assembly in May 2004.



Daphne (White) Lindsay RIV '50 speaks with a
few Grade 12 students in Aikins House after they received
their alumnae keychains.



Barb Aldous RLS '38 with her granddaughter Amanda Aldous '02
Amanda came to the School to enjoy the Alumnae Assembly



The Grade 12's proudly display their Alumnae Association keychains.

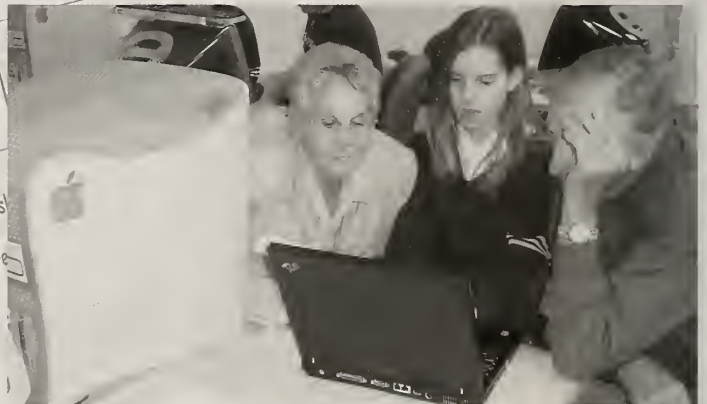
Grandparents Day

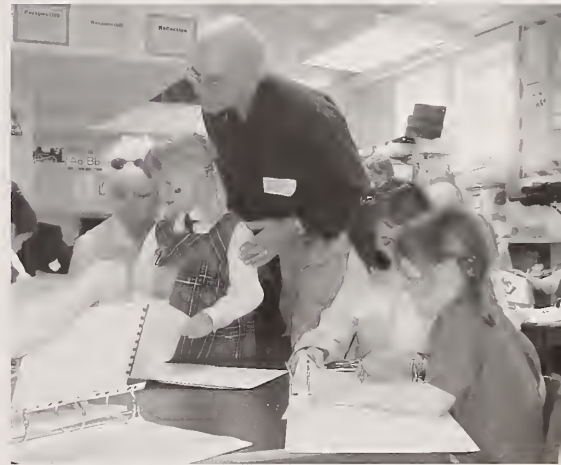
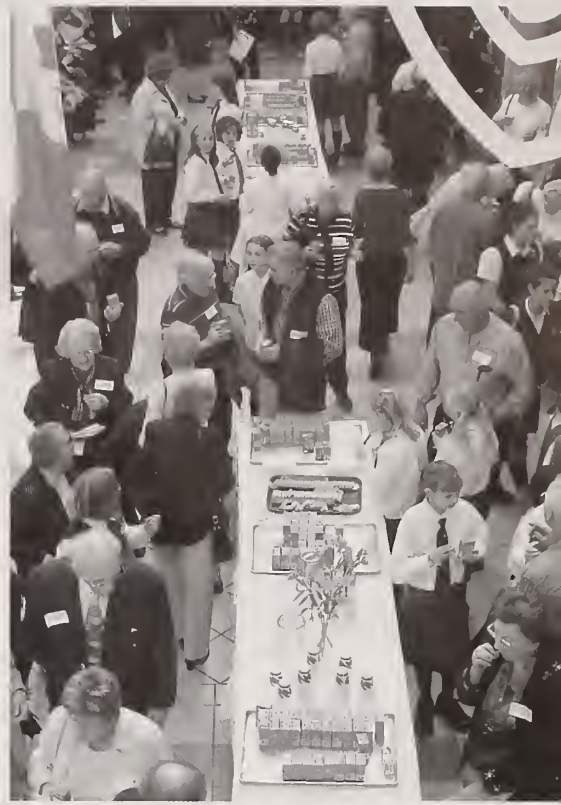
This year Grandparents Day took place on April 22 at Balmoral Hall School. Fun was had by all, with a wonderful turn out of over 300 in attendance! The activities took place through out the School in the classrooms, Theatre, Athletic Centre, and the Atrium. We look forward to seeing the Grandparents again next year.

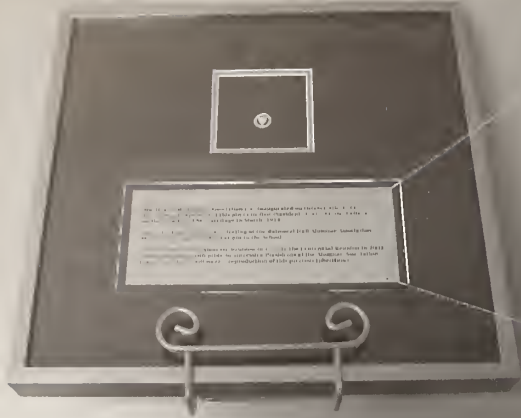
time	JK & K	Grade 1	Grades 2 & 3	Grades 4 & 5
1 - 1:15	Guests Register on Main Street by Theatre Students prepare for Theatre	Guests Register in the classroom at 1:00 pm	Guests Register in the classroom at 1:00 pm Green Group in class Gold Group in Atrium	Grade 4 Guests Register in the classroom at 1:00 pm Grade 5 Guests Register in the Common Room at 1:00 pm Students at guests and take for a tour of the School
1:15 - 1:35	Theatre	Athletic Centre	Break	Break
10 minutes	Break	Green Group in class Gold Group in Atrium	Green Group in Atrium Gold Group in class	Theatre 4/5 Choir
1:45 - 2:05	Athletic Centre	Break	Break	Athletic Centre
10 minutes	Break	Green Group in Atrium Gold Group in class	Theatre 2/3 Choir	Break
2:15 - 2:35	JK in Aikins House K - in Atrium	Break	Athletic Centre	Green Group in Atrium Gold Group in class
10 minutes	Break	Theatre Grade 1 Choir		
2:45 - 3:05	JK in classroom K - Classroom & Playground			

** Note: Guests with two or more grandchildren can join their other grandchild in school

** Shuttles will run from 2:30 to 3:45 p.m. to take Grandparents back to the Shore







The Havergal Alumnae Association was inaugurated on October 8th, 1914.

The Association presented this pin to its first President, Annie (Crowe) Collum, on the occasion of her marriage in March, 1915. In 1951, at the first Annual Meeting of the Balmoral Hall Alumnae Association, Mrs. Collum made a gift of her pin to the School.

From the time of the Alumnae Reunion in 1987 to the Centennial Reunion in 2002, the pin was worn with pride by successive Presidents of the Alumnae Association. Future Presidents will wear a reproduction of this precious inheritance.

Special thanks to past president Deborah Metcalfe '76 who generously donated the cost of framing as well as contributed to the costs of reproduction.

The School Archives



The Balmoral Hall Archives finally has a clear picture of the Red House. This was the home of G. Harold Aikins, Son of Sir James Aikins. Along with Aikins House, the Red House founded Riverbend School for Girls in 1929. We are thrilled with this new addition to our School Archives. If you have another photo of The Red House and would like to donate it, please call the Alumnae Office at 204.784.1615

From Miss M.J. Dalton's hand-written memoir of her first days as Principal of Havergal Ladies College in 1901, to the videotape of Balmoral Hall's Centennial Reunion in 2002, the records of our history are collected and preserved in the School Archives.

Located on the second floor of Aikins House, the Archives Room serves as a resource centre for the school population, alumnae, and the wider community. Here, students of today can learn about their predecessors and trace the origins of cherished traditions; teachers are able to incorporate aspects of school history into studies of Manitoba's past; editors of school publications utilize the wealth of photographs and data to enhance their productions, and researchers, writers, and family historians find information needed for their various projects.

Archives are a gift from the past to present and future generations. We are indebted to all those who helped to build the archival collection during more than one hundred years, and to those whose contributions today will ensure its continuity tomorrow.

September 4, 2003

Ms. Tina Alto
Balmoral Hall School
630 Westminster Ave
Winnipeg MB R3C 3S1

Dear Ms. Alto:

Re: *Romola*, Vol. I, George Eliot

We are pleased to forward this very special book for your library archives. It is a fascinating volume which I've taken a brief look through.

It is also an embarrassing find to know that someone in my parent's families sometime borrowed it and neglected to return it. I believe my Grandmother, Mrs. Hermine Little, taught at the school and to be fair to her this was likely included in her homework when she visited us in Calgary in the mid to late 50's. I hope that it will find an appropriate place in your archives and please accept this late penalty payment for your library.

Thank you for sharing the history of Balmoral Hall and especially Eva L. Jones.

Regards,

Richard R. Singleton
Richard R. Singleton, MAAA, MRAIC

Enclosures:2

update:
Be us! - found
another book
also enclosed
JF

**BH is still looking
for white dress
photos for the class
of 52, 77 & 78.**

Did you graduate in one
of those years?

Help us to complete this
ongoing collection.

Donations to Balmoral Hall Archives Fall 2003 to June 30, 2004



June (Sinden) Rubenok RLS '46 shared stories and donated numerous items to the Balmoral Hall Archives while visiting with Tina Alto, Director of Advancement, in Vancouver this past spring.



Betty (Morton) Christian RIV '39 toured the School while in Winnipeg from Wichita, Kansas; her first visit back to BH since graduation. She donated her Riverbend Tunic as well as established the Betty (Morton) Christian Scholarship Fund in support of the Centennial Endowment Fund.



Marion (Bell) Graham RIV '46 & Audrey (Haverstick) Marsh RIV '46 visited the School in April 2004. They used to be roommates when they attended Riverbend and enjoyed reliving many fond memories with their BH tour guides.

Sheila (Young) Zimmerman, RLS '49

- 2 pictures of RLS basketball teams, 1946–47, 1947–48
- 1 picture of RLS Student Council, 1947–48

June (Sinden) Rubenok, RLS '45

- 6 RLS magazines (The Eagle), 1940–1945
- 5 "Distribution of Prizes" programmes, 1942–1945
- 2 "Physical Training Display" programmes, 1941, 1942
- 6 Programmes of Recitals of music, dancing & choral speech, 1941–1944
- 1 Department of Education Certificate of Promotion, 1942
- 6 Newspaper clippings (re "Distribution of Prizes", 1944, 1955)
- 1 Photograph of RLS Jr. Basketball Team, 1941–42
- 1 Scrapbook containing a picture of RLS teachers, 2 invitations, and a programme for "Rupert's Land Girls' School Variety Entertainment".
- 1 RLS Diploma (Gr. X1), 1945
- 1 RLS Alumnae Association Scholarship Award, 1944
- 1 RLS tie
- 1 RLS crest
- 2 Crests with the letter "B" on them (basketball)
- 1 Pair of RLS cuff-links
- 1 RLS pennant
- 12 Assorted small snapshots (accompanied by enlargements of 5 of them) with names and dates provided.
- 12 RLS "Report Cards" for the years 1940–41 to 1944–45
- 1 Prospectus from "The Bishop Strachan School", Toronto, c1945

Barbara (Hamon) Aldous, RLS '38

- 3 RLC pins: "Monitor" pin, "Student Council" pin and RLC crest pin with Matheson House pin attached on a fine chain.

Audrey (Haverstick) Marsh, RIV '46

- 1 Small B&W snapshot of the home of G. Harold Aikins, a building which came to be known as the "Red House" during Riverbend School days.

Mrs. Margaret Adams and Margo (Adams) Larsen, BH '87

- 1 Green corduroy jacket with "Balmoral Hall" in yellow felt letters across the back.

Betty (Morton) Christian, RIV '38

- 1 Gray wool tunic, worn by the donor at Riverbend School

Gertrude (Eland) Leeds, RLS '44

- 1 RLC school pin with Dalton House pin attached on a fine chain
- 1 Black and gold enamel pin in the shape of an "A"
- 1 RLC crest pin, inscribed on the back—"Mrs. McWilliams' gift to Gertrude Eland, 1944" (Retiring Head Girls received a pin like this)

Joan (Macaw) Miners, RLS '38

- Photo of Graduating Class of 1938
- Newspaper write-up of 1938 RLC "Distribution of Prizes"

Rhonda Smerchanski, BH '68 and Patricia Smerchanski, BH '70 "Brenda Balmoral" doll

Alumnae Calendar

Who's made a transformation and who remains unchanged? Have you revised your "look" since the early '90s? Find out what your classmates have been up to in the last 10 years!

Class of '94 Ten Year Reunion

Saturday, September 11
& Sunday September 12



To all staff & former staff who taught at BH in 1994, please join us in Aikins House on Saturday, September 11th from 2–5 p.m. to catch up with your former students!



Real Deal University Spiel

Friday, October 8, 2004 (Thanksgiving Weekend)

Recent Graduates: Come back and talk to the Grade 12's about your experience with university life: parking tips, Profs to steer clear of and how to avoid those unforeseen scheduling conflicts. **Give the Grade 12's the REAL DEAL!!**



Home for the Holidays

Thursday, December 16, 2004 in Aikins House

Celebrate the Holiday Season and reunite with former classmates and schoolmates at this year's Home for the Holidays. Held in Aikins House this year, it is sure to bring together a record number of Alums!



Class of 1995 Reunion

Plans are getting underway to organize the class of 1995 Ten Year Reunion. Call the Alumnae Office if you are interested in helping.



Class of 1955, 50th Reunion

In celebration of your forthcoming 50 year anniversary; we are hoping to bring everyone together to celebrate this milestone. If you are interested in helping plan this event, please contact the Alumnae Office.

Alumnae Assembly

Friday, April 29, 2005

Last year we celebrated the '30s. Watch for details on which decade we honour next spring!

BH Alumnae Office

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1930s

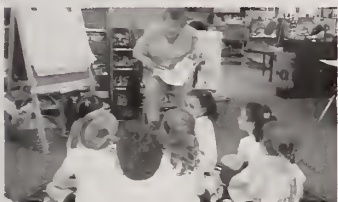
**Betty (Morton) Christian
RIV '39 & Ferne (Lount)
Stovel Rose RIV '39**



Classmates Betty Christian and Fern Rose reunite after 60 years. They had a great long chat and shared many memories of their time at Riverbend. Betty stopped by BH for a tour and left in the archives a treasured item (see page 25 for details).

1940s

**Gertrude (Eland) Leeds
RLS '43**



Mrs. Leeds was Head Girl of Rupert's Land in 1943, seen here, reading to the Nursery class in June 2004. She toured Balmoral Hall and donated 3 pins to the Archives (see page 25 for details).

**Joan (Sherman) Weir
RLS '45**



Joan is being awarded an Honorary Doctorate degree for her contribution to Canadian Literature by the University

College of the Cariboo at their Convocation ceremonies on June 11, 2004. After completing her schooling at Rupert's Land, Joan attended the University of Manitoba, where she graduated from the Faculty of Arts in 1948. For many years, she taught Creative Writing at the University College of the Cariboo. She is the author of 16 novels for Adult and Young Adult readers, and 6 non-fiction Canadian Histories. A new historical novel set in Walhachin B.C. during World War I is scheduled for publication early next year.

1950s

Maureen (Ford) Coleman '59

"Since retiring from my teaching career in 1995, I have enjoyed doing some supply teaching as well as traveling with my husband in our R.V. We have been to many U.S. states as well as most provinces. Newfoundland has been a real favorite with such friendly people, different scenery and seafood. In the winter, we went on a cruise with warm destinations to warm up our blood. Swimming at nearby complex pool as well as summer gardening has helped me to keep activity conscious. I would love to hear from girls that were at BH from 51–57. You can contact me through the BH Alumnae Email Directory at www.balmorallhall.com—A special hello to Lyn Stephen '57 who works in the BH Archives.

1960s

Susan (Harris) Foster '64



Susan runs a not-for-profit registered charity called The Federation of Canadian Artists. Stay tuned for an invite to her gallery when Balmoral Hall holds a get together for B.C. Alumnae! Seen here: Susan (right) with Tina Alto, Director of Advancement at Balmoral Hall School. Susan wrote: "Hi Tina: Welcome back to Winnipeg. Hope the rest of your trip to Vancouver was as much fun as our lunch. Thanks for the treat—it was great to meet you. Keep in touch."

Janis McKeag '69

What a flood of memories came rushing back when I saw my picture as part of the 1961 students enjoying the Stepping Stone Collection in the last issue of The Portal. I remember sitting at the table and reading *Le Petit Prince*. I also remember being given the summer reading list for the first time. While everyone else seemed to complain, I was thrilled. Being an avid reader, I read every one of the books on the list. Most of which we had in our family library. I didn't like writing the book reports that followed in the fall, which is probably why I never became an English teacher. For those of you who do remember me, I am now a Design and Technology teacher at the high school in Anguilla (a small Caribbean island). I cover the basics in drafting, woods, mechanisms

and project research and design. I am currently teaching Grade 9-11 (the end of compulsory schooling). I also serve as the Head of the Technical Studies department at the school which includes electrical, auto, and construction. Amazing enough the spring Portal arrived in May. I do enjoy reading the magazine and am envious of all your resources. We still upon occasion have goats and fowl wandering into the classrooms. I would love to hear from any of the other students in the picture.

1980s

Kathryn (Scanes) Eve '83



I just published a book with another colleague, called: *Who Can Heal Us?* You can check it out online at: www.eleutheria-publishing.com. It is a collection of gritty stories and photographs highlighting our human journey with pain and how people live with dignity, hope, faith & love. Our contributors include: playwrights, drug addicts, millionaires, refugees, gays, priests, entrepreneurs and even a baroness! Our stories include people of faith: Christians, Jews, Muslims, Buddhists, Hindus, Agnostics and Spiritual Searchers.

Angela (Nichol) Dyborn '85



Spring 2004 has been a busy one! My daughter Courtney turned 18 in April and graduates this year from Venice High in Venice California. If prom planning isn't enough, Anders (7) seems to be attracted to every "xtreme" sport on the planet. Most weekends are filled with motocross, rock climbing and skating. However, most of our time is now spent tending to baby Ava-Liisa born March 22, 2004 in Santa Monica CA. We are living in Culver City. I am taking time out of my "full-time career" to be at home—working P/T as a business and trend analyst for Nygard International and completing a certificate program at UCLA in Fundraising. Thanks again for the BH baby bib!

Susan Rich '87



Here is a picture of Jonah Eliot Greenhut, born June 28th, 2003, drooling away on his BH Beginning bib. Suffice to say we are truly making use of this generous gift—the boy is a generous drooler. Happily, he counts among his friends the young Oscar Feschuk, son of Andrea Baillie '87, and grandson of Ms. Fulton-Baillie. Andrea and I are hoping for a visit from her mom soon so that we can leave the boys in her care and return to find them well-

prepared for university math! *Editors Note: see page 16 for excerpts of Susan's keynote address to the 2004 BH grads.*



If you have recently had a baby, let us know! We'll send you a BH baby bib and you can get your baby in the next issue!

Deanna Hansen '87 & Jackie Collins '87



Jackie and Deanna came to BH at the turn of spring to check out the newer developments in the School. Both are doing well. Jackie taught at Red River College for a stint last summer, and although she loved the experience (and claims that's what it's all about), she passed up a full time teaching position in lieu of pursuing work more closely suited to her values. She now works at the Wolseley Family Place, and looks forward to an upcoming book launch at McNally Robinson of published poetry and stories written by her and other members of a writing group. Deanna has opened a business with two other women (Therapy and Herbal Alliance), and is doing her own specialized form of body work therapy that she has developed in the spirit of

Iyengar Yoga. She hopes to write a book one day to enlighten the masses on some pretty powerful healing techniques.

Andrea Baillie '87



Andrea and husband Dave Feschuk welcomed their first child on November 13, 2003. His name is Oscar Harvey Feschuk, named after his 91 year old great-grandfather. He is also the grandson of Terry Fulton-Baillie, long time Math teacher at BH.

1990s

Heather (Jessiman) Partridge '90



In addition to the BH bib, I added a prop! I still had that dragon thing (I can't remember what his name is). The kids are (l-r) Eddie & Thomas Partridge and Truxton & Addison Lama. Thomas and Truxton were born a few days apart. **Carol (Wintemute) Lama '88** and I discovered we were neighbours when we had the boys out one day. Small world! Our BH connection instantly kicked in and we have been friends ever since!

Sandra (Pearson) Urwin '90



Introducing: Hailey Muriel Urwin! "I was born in Ottawa on August 26, 2003. My mummy is Sandy (Pearson) Urwin '90 and my Daddy is Colin Urwin SJR '89. I was named after my Grandma —Muriel (Edmonds) Pearson—RIV '54"

Jennifer (Ryback) DiMarco '94

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Discovery Toys

Website:

www.discoverytoyslink.com/jenniferdimarco

Business Description: Have you ever seen a child push a truck through a pretend town, creating conversations and sound effects all along the way? That's what Discovery Toys is all about. Kid powered play! And, each of those moments of joyous play is a reason to celebrate! We've been offering families toys and games that lead to learning for over 26 years. And, with the expansion of our line into books and computer software, we can offer children even more exciting adventures on the path to success. Discovery Toys is a name you can trust! Each of our products has been kid tested and expert approved. Each is backed by our lifetime unconditional guarantee.

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K.K. Pinkowski '94



Congratulations Kerry-Krista on your graduation from the Faculty of Law, U of M. We wish you the best of luck articling at Aikins MacAulay & Thorvaldson and continued success in all of your endeavors.

Heather Campbell '94

"I am an exploration geologist with Penn West Petroleum in Calgary. I graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Geology from the University of Calgary in 2001 and have been working at Penn West ever since. I love geology, and until university I never even knew it was something you could make a career of! I still ride horses but in the last couple years have switched my athletic focus to rock climbing. I love climbing and have been doing trips to climb in Western Canada, Utah, Nevada and other states. It's a great sport. I still keep in touch with some BHers but would love to hear from more! If anyone is ever in Calgary give me a call or email me. I hope everyone is doing well!"

Shannon Kelly '97



Shannon Kelly and her son Ashton came by the School for a visit while they were in Winnipeg in April. She writes "Since graduating, I've been pretty busy. I toured the bar circuit of Winnipeg and spent 4 years at the University of Manitoba, receiving a Bachelor of Arts. My boyfriend and I moved to Calgary in the summer of 2000. I continued to study psychology at the University of Calgary, but have recently switched to education. We have a 2 year old son, named Ashton. He starts pre-pre school in the fall (if he's potty trained). We also moved into a new house this summer and now I'm totally Martha Stewart. I love sewing, crafts, and going to jail. Good-bye for now. Hope to see you all at a reunion sometime!"

Ryann (Jessiman) Doucette '97



Congratulations to Ryann and Phil Doucette who wed at the Hitchin' Post in Manitoba on June 30, 2004. A beautiful ceremony was followed by a great country meal and two steppin' into the early morning!

Emily Miller '97

"I am currently living in London UK and I have my own High Fashion Company which I am the sole Director/Designer for. I am going to be showing my next collection during London Fashion Week in September."

Courtney Moir '98



Business Name: Courtney Moir Art Cards

*Taken from the BH Business Card Index at www.balmorallhall.com

Website:

www.courtneymoir.com

Business Description:

Courtney has her Bachelor of Fine Arts Honours, majoring in Photography. She is now focusing on promoting her exclusive artistic images in the form of art cards in hopes of communicating her unique message. Perfect for any occasion, these art cards embrace exclusive images and convey unique narratives. Images of endless summers spent at Lake of Woods, walks down Wellington Crescent and endearing images of animals & children are only a small sampling of the many images that are included in Courtney's portfolio. Embrace her images and make them part of your experience. With new photographic images continuing to appear, you'll want to check this site often!

Julie Ryckman '98

Congratulations to Julie, who has been accepted to Medical School at the University of Manitoba. Good Luck!

Minori Kuroishi '99



"I had my grad ceremony a few days ago. It was great! Thanks to everyone, four years at Simon Fraser University flew by so fast! My mom came to visit me from Japan and we went to visit Megumi (who used to teach at BH) in Victoria. I received a

scholarship from Parsons and I just got a student visa from the American Embassy yesterday. Now I'm so ready to go to NY!"

2000s

Sarah Coates '00

"I have a quick update for you, I had been applying for international internships funded by Foreign Affairs Canada, and implemented by various Universities and NGOs in Canada. Interns go overseas for 6 months and work with a local NGO or government in the spectrum of human rights, development, etc. I had been turned down (but shortlisted) for the Acadia program, and had started to discount the possibility of this plan of mine. However, I was contacted by the director and offered a position at a children's theatre in Kosovo. I was over the moon for 3 days, until FAC cancelled the internship because Kosovo was deemed not safe. However, I was still promised a position, and 3 days later confirmed that I am going to Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina for six months (Aug-Feb) to work to expand and sophisticate an Adult Education network in the country. So, the long and the short of it is that I have a job that is just wonderful, and that I know I can be passionate of and for."

Jennifer Skeritt '00

Jen graduated from Carleton University, majoring in journalism and has recently joined The Winnipeg Free Press covering Northeast Neighbours section. She says that being a writer offers her the opportunity to meet a wide range of interesting people that she might otherwise never have met.

Class of 2002



The class of 2002 met once again this past May with their Grade 12 homeroom favorite Ms Fulton-Baillie for their annual visit. This year they met at Applebee's Restaurant. Next year's get together is eagerly awaited.



Sarah Briggs '02 and Ashley Zajac '02

Sarah Briggs and Ashley Zajac are among the many that attended and supported the Grade 12 class at the Alumnae Assembly in May, where our recent graduates received their keychains from the Alumnae Association.

Hilary Moir '02

Congratulations to Hilary who has been accepted to the School of Medical Rehabilitation where she will study Physical Therapy beginning September 2004.

Amelie Sellig '03

"I just wanted to say that I loved my time at BH even though I was just there for one year. It probably was the best year I have ever had up to today. Two days ago I graduated from my school in Germany and I hope that I'll come back to Winnipeg soon. Enjoy your time at BH, girls!"

Ashley Makeiff '03



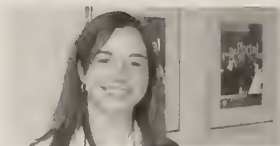
"I stopped by in April to visit the great teachers and the future graduates of BH. Here is an update on what my year was like. From September to January, I worked at the Charleswood Curling Club as a bar tender. In November, I started working at Desserts Plus as a waitress. Also during that time I was job shadowing with a lawyer. I have been taking 3 classes through spring and summer and finish University 1 in April 2005. I spent New Years with the BH crew: Julia, Christy, Meena, Hersha and Meredith to name a few."

Hersha Goldberg '03



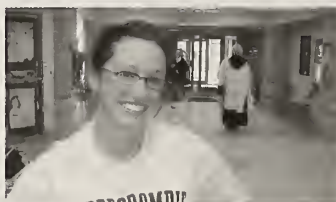
"Although I was only in Winnipeg for three days, and had so many things to do and people to see, visiting BH was at the top of my list. How could I pass up such a wonderful opportunity to visit my extended family that I have missed so much? Balmoral Hall School exposed me to amazing, one of a kind experiences and people. This past year, I was incredibly lucky to be able to follow my dreams and study Pastry Arts at Le Cordon Bleu in Ottawa. This summer, I am apprenticing at the Italian Bakery in Ottawa and sending out resumes all over the world. Now that I have experienced and mastered life on my own, I am ready for anything! Thank you BH!"

Christy Kolt '03



"Hi, I just finished my first year of university at the University of Winnipeg, though it was quite stressful, I think I am going to miss going to class everyday. It was a very different experience compared to high school, but the transition was easy and I was ready for the new challenges. I will be continuing to study Science at the University of Winnipeg for at least the next two years, and then hopefully I will be off to medicine! I also recently visited the school and was fortunate enough to see the election speeches for next year's Prefects. They were excellent and I know that the girls next year will be well prepared and create an exciting year for the school. I was welcomed back to the school by so many people that a trip to BH at any time is always worth the visit."

Saskia Hoogstraten '03



"Hey everyone! I hope you are all doing well. It's been almost a year since I left for Switzerland and now I'm back and have just finished my first year at the U of W, which went pretty well, as far as I know! Now I'm working at Club Monaco and helping Mr. Warriner coach the BH soccer team. I'm also getting involved with the Canadian National Institute for the Blind. Other than that, I'll be relaxing at the lake! I'm not going far (yet) so I'm sure I'll see everyone soon."

Romina Saint-Martin '05



Romina is enthusiastic about appearing on the cover of her favorite magazine and would like to have a career in Medicine. Like many of the students that come from Mexico, Romina attended BH for one year. She is currently in her second year of preparatory school at Pearson Collegiate.

Staff & Former Staff

Lois Magill Horn (formerly Lois Robinson)



Congratulations to Lois and Scott who wed on June 19, 2004 along the river behind Aikins House.


Neely Silverman



Congratulations to Neely and Chad Silverman, who on May 14, welcomed their first son Asher.

Mary Lyn Hepple

Congratulations to Mary Lyn and Chris Berti who wed on June 12, 2004. They got married at St. John's College at the University of Manitoba. The reception took place at Howden Community Centre.



Peace

Maureen Bannister (Former Staff)

Peacefully on April 10, 2004 at the Health Sciences Centre, Maureen passed away at the age of 67. Maureen was born in England, and then immigrated to Winnipeg where she was Head Cook at Balmoral Hall School. Gardening, knitting and spending time with family were past times that Maureen enjoyed the most, as well as bingo. Maureen was a very kind and generous person who always thought of others first.

Idella Jane (Aitkens) Setter '55

Della died peacefully at home on May 7, 2004, surrounded by her children, David, Mary Joanne and Robert. Della was born in Boissevain, MB, attended Balmoral Hall School and St. John's College in Winnipeg. After graduating with a BA in English and Library Science, Della pursued a career in education. She began her teaching career at Balmoral Hall where she taught for three years before she and her family moved to Morden, MB. Della's memorial service was held in December of last year soon after she received her medical diagnosis. She was present and greatly enjoyed participating at her own farewell party, surrounded by her family and friends.

Barbara Jean (South) Polson RIV '41

Peacefully on May 11, 2004 at the Grace General Hospital at the age of 81 years Barbara passed away. She was a lifelong resident of Winnipeg. She attended Riverbend School where she made many cherished, lasting friendships. After completing high school she went on to graduate from the Winnipeg General Hospital as a Registered Nurse in 1945. Barbara was an active member of Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority, the Junior League of Winnipeg, and the Winnipeg Winter Club while she raised her three children. Once her children were grown, she fulfilled her dream of returning to school, graduating in 1983 with her Bachelor of Arts (Anthropology) Degree from the University of Winnipeg, the proud recipient of several undergraduate scholarships.

Ann (Parkhill) King RIV '43

Peacefully surrounded by her family, Ann passed away in her 78th year after a courageous struggle. Born in Winnipeg, she graduated from both Riverbend School and Queen's University. Family and dear friends will remember her enthusiasm, community involvement, generosity and integrity.

Florance Gwendolyn (Ramsay) Smith RIV '37

Gwen died peacefully on June 9, 2004 in Richmond, BC with her loving husband Leslie R. Smith, by her side. Gwen was born in Winnipeg in 1920, graduated from Riverbend School for Girls, and attended the University of Manitoba. All those whose lives she has touched will remember her kindness, generosity and wonderful sense of humour. The family gathered at the Lake of the Woods for a celebration of her life.

Phyllis Morgan RLS '46

Phyllis passed away on June 4, 2004. She graduated from Grade 11 at Rupert's Land in 1946 and then from the Library School of the University of Toronto. She spent most of her working career as a librarian in Florida.

Norman Alexander, Former Board Chair, Past Parent and Grandparent

Peacefully with his loving family by his side on July 10, 2004, Norman James Alexander passed away at the age of 95. Predeceased by his wife of 46 years Juanita (Denny), he will be lovingly remembered by his children, Jennifer King '63 (partner Bill Empke), Katherine Shawcross '65 (Gordon), Gillian Kernaghan '70 (Richard), John Alexander (Linda) and Margot Kalinowsky '72 (Ian); grandchildren, Alexander King (Nieves), Victoria King '01, Deborah Shawcross '86 (partner Kenton Scramstad),

Maureen Gloud (Micheal), Patricia Clunie (Ian), Megan '08 and Rebecca '11 Alexander, David and Derek Kalinowsky; and great-grandchildren, Samantha '13 and Danielle '17 Moreau. Born in Regina in 1909, he completed his early schooling in Brantford and Toronto. In 1927, he joined Richardson Securities which began his illustrious 75 year investment career. He enlisted in 1940 and after the war, returned to Richardson's in Toronto which lead to moves to Vancouver and then Winnipeg. Most of his business life was spent with the Richardson Companies where he ended his career as Managing Partner of Richardson Securities and Vice President of the parent company James Richardson and Sons. After his "retirement", he set up his own consulting and investment advisory firm working daily in his office until the age of 93. Even though business was his passion he also recognized the importance of community service. He assisted both financially and through leadership roles for many organizations including Balmoral Hall. Norm was an immensely proud and supportive father. His love of the lake has been passed on to the future generations. In his spare time, he enjoyed playing the piano, golfing, and travelling. In later years, he enjoyed walks with his faithful four footed friend "Goldie".

Balmoral Hall Art Exhibition 2004

This year's exhibition showcases artwork from Grade 6 to Senior 4. Whether considered from the viewpoint of the creative potential that it offers our student artists, or from the effect that it has on people in general, "humour is something that should be cherished, preserved and nurtured". Many of this year's projects were conceived purely because they tweaked the funny bone and tickled the intellect. The idea behind them was to trigger the students' comic imagination by encouraging free association and critical thinking.

The students' program this year included many elements of humour which are sometimes taught individually but most often are in combination with other mechanisms. They are: association, transposition, transformation, contradiction, exaggeration, parody, pun, disguise, satire, narration and appropriation.

The Grade 6 students looked at a variety of unconventional portraits produced by a number of well-known artists and then proceeded to create their very own wacky and wonderful self-portraits using mixed media. Their pen and ink drawings of

symbols and designs made famous by Klee. The Optical Illusions that you see, with the surreal touches, were inspired by the British artist, Bridget Riley. Her undulating patterns and lines really force the viewer to look closely. We hope that you will do the same. Their final projects, currently in the works, are vases modeled after Greek designs but given a very contemporary look.

The Senior 1 classes looked at a number of artists who have made a significant contribution to visual humour as art. One of the best theater caricaturists of the last century was Al Hirschfield and his work inspired the students' pen and ink drawings. The challenge was to use decorative designs to enhance their artwork. Mona Lisa inspired parodies transformed the familiar to the unfamiliar in the acrylic portraits. Each one is unique and different and most effective. Cultural Identity projects are currently underway and will showcase the personalities and characteristics of the artists.

The Senior 2's American Gothic Project used image manipulation. After a formal study of Grant Woods painting, the students were asked to create a parody of the famous American Gothic. Many of their paintings are based on today's popular culture. The Dinner Party settings are based on well-known and humorous works by famous artists. The students were challenged to see the subject of food explored imaginatively. They were then asked to invent a new way to represent food in an artistic manner. Again they looked at Surrealist art that juxtaposes normally unrelated objects in a realistic manner.

Finally, the Senior 3 and 4 students used appropriation to transform different pieces of furniture into works of art. Many looked to famous artists for inspiration and the results were exceptional. Turning something two dimensional into a three dimensional form is quite a challenge. Fantasy Art with a touch of Surrealism is evident in the Fleur Cowles inspired animal paintings. The objective was to place a real animal into a surreal setting. Many students worked in oil for the first time. The fantasy clocks were done simply for fun with the objective being to take a clock and create a complete contradiction. It is all about the element of surprise.

The show concluded with a number of independent projects produced by the senior students. These works allow for total freedom of expression and the opportunity for them to explore subjects and use materials that appeal to their true sense of creativity.

Humour in Art



insects put a humorous spin on conventional looking bugs that were transformed into beautiful and intricate patterns and lines. The Funky Salmon Project developed from a study of West Coast native art. The papier-mache fish were exaggerated and made to appear unnatural and unreal. The students also studied the cartooning techniques of Bruce Blitz and then created their very own characters. The Canadian quilt that hangs in the exhibition was designed and hand painted to connect specifically to the students' Social Studies curriculum.

The Grade 7 students have been working with water colours this year. Following the reading of a delightful story in Language Arts, the students painted whimsical paintings of fish and created shadow boxes. The latter were made of mixed media, including handmade papers. Currently in the works are three-dimensional sculptures of their hands. Their sculptures are developing into true works of art and require significant problem solving skills and mastery of several different media.

The Grade 8 students studied the Surrealists, and in particular, Paul Klee. Following their own classroom studies of ancient peoples they combined cave styled paintings with the child like



Cultural Identity Yui Kato (S3)



Famous Artists Furniture
See Ming Li (S3)



Fantasy Clock Wing Yu Cheung (S3)



American Gothic Parody
Sol Ji Han (S2)



Famous Artists Furniture Jodi Ngai (S4)



Wonderful Whimsical Fish Grade 7



Mona Lisas (S1)



Portraits Susanne Cheung (S4)



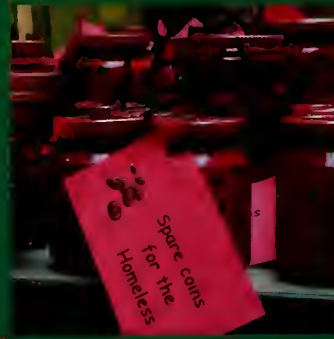
Cartooning Grade 6



Optical Illusion Grade 8



Famous Artists Furniture



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